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Adlai Stevenson

President David [illegible] and others of the Gene[illegible] of the Church are [illegible] Latter-day Saints r[illegible] they are registered [illegible] they vote for the can[illegible] choice at the coming election in November.

Governor J. Bracken Lee of Utah will spend one day doing janitorial work in the office of Governor Dan Thornton of Colorado, or vice versa as the case may be, after the figures of voting in Utah and Colorado are in for the coming presidential election.

Gov. Lee dispatched a telegram August 23 to Gov. Thornton offering to wager a day's janitorial service in Thornton's office if [illegible]h doesn't outvote Coloradans [illegible]he November general election. [illegible]ov. Thornton replied:

"[illegible] have never turned down such a [illegible]llenge and I am confident the [illegible] of Colorado will not let me [illegible]cept."

[illegible] message to Gov. Thornton Gov. Lee wrote: "The coming election promises to be one of the most keenly contested in many years. 'Get out the Vote' contests are being conducted in every states.

"Utah has a reputation for high percentage turnouts at election. And I am willing to wager that we will again top Colorado in the November elections.

"Our states are somewhat similar which should make for an interesting contest. As for the wager, the governor of the losing state should be required to perform the janitorial services in the other governor's office for one day."

Gov. Thornton, in his acceptance, said he is "looking forward to seeing Gov. Lee do the janitorial work in my office."

As for the Church members in California, it is the common feeling among the bishops and the stake authorities that we should help make the percentage figures of voters at the coming election for California exceed both Utah and Colorado.

INSTITUTE OF RELIGION OPENS SEPTEMBER 20

Director D. Lee Kenner announces that the 1952-53 season of the Berkeley Institute of religion will open Saturday, September 20, at an out-door picnic on the evening of that day following the California-College of Pacific football game.

The following day, Sunday, September 21, priesthood, Sunday Schooland Sacrament services will be conducted.

Director Kenner returned in late August from Salt Lake City where he had attended the sem-annual convention of all the institute teachers of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Seminary teachers were also holding their convention making, a total of over 200 seminary and institute teachers.

Announcement was made that the Church will open a new institute this fall adjacent to the University of Edmonton, Canada. The director of this first Canadian institute of the Church will be Paul Felt who has been teaching at the LDS Institute at Logan, Utah.

The institute program, reported Brother Kenner, is dedicated to the fivefold mission of cultural, social, intellectual, spiritual and leadership development.

Week-day classes will be held in New Testament, Old Testament, Church History, Doctrines and Covenants, Book of Mormon, World Religions and Courtship and Marriage.

Between 25 and 30 thousand students are receiving week-day religious insruction in our Latter-day Saints seminaries and institutes at the present time.

DESERET NEWS AMALGAMATES WITH TELEGRAM; SUN. NEWS OUT; TRIBUNE-NEWS AGENCY FORMED

The publishing companies of the Salt Lake Tribune and the Deseret News August 31 announced the purchase by the Deseret News of the Salt Lake Telegram—the evening property of the Tribune—and withdrawal of the Sunday Deseret News.

At the same time, Newspaper Agency Corporation was formed to print and publish in one plant the two newspapers remaining in the Salt Lake City field.

The Telegram's last issues as such were being published today. The last edition of the Sunday News established about three years ago will be tomorrow. Effective Monday, Deseret News-Salt Lake Telegram will be published six days a week in the afternoon field and the Salt Lake Tribune will be published seven mornings, including Sunday.

The move was attributed to the "ever increasing cost of producing newspapers during these inflated times." A formal statement said costs have "compelled the Salt Lake City newspapers to take steps to curb the high expense of publication while still providing readers and advertisers of the intermountain West with quality and service at their best."

Terms of the transaction were not divulged in the statement issued jointly by J. F. Fitzpatrick, publisher of the Salt Lake Tribune, and Mark E. Petersen, general manager of the Deseret News.

An official announcement stressed that the News-Telegram and Tribune will "continue under entirely separate ownership and will maintain separate, independent and competitive news and editorial staffs and entirely separate, independent editorial and news expression."

The newly formed Newspaper Agency Corporation will, as agent for the Tribune and News-Telegram, solicit all advertising and handle circulation, distribution and printing for both newspapers. However, each will determine its own advertising and subscription rates, although a spokesman said unit advertising rates will be offered. It will also be possible to subscribe to the six-afternoon News-Telegram and Sunday Tribune at a unit price.

A spokesman said the number of persons affected, particularly in the News' mechanical department and the Telegram's editorial offices, has "not fully been determined."

Director Mormon Relations Speaks: Scouting Supports Church Program

To outline plans for improving Scout and Explorer units to encourage stronger and more leadership, Oakland Stake and ward priesthood, YMMIA, Scout and Explorer leaders met with Elder Roberts, Director of Mormon Relations for Boy Scouts of America, at the Elmhurst ward chapel Tuesday, August 19 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Stake President Delbert F. Wright and his counselors, Glenn C. Shaw and Elmo R. Smith, presided over the meeting. David H. Fuhriman, Oakland Stake YMMIA superintendent conducted the meeting. Representing the Oakland Council office for Boy Scouts were Gunner Norgard, assistant Scout executive and Lou Saylor,

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HIGH SCHOOL SEMINARIES BEGIN BAY AREA SECOND SEASON

With the opening of the public high schools in Oakland and Berkeley, the second season of study began for over 100 Latter-day Saint seminary students. These boys and girls are in regular attendance at their respective public high schools. The seminaries are held in LDS chapels in San Leandro and East Oakland and in the Institute of Religion in Berkeley. Classes begin at seven in the morning five days a week.

Last year this week day religious study was established among Church students of the bay area located in the vicinity of Elmhurst where Robert Brummet served as instructor, in Hayward where Katherine Kenner was the teacher and in Berkeley where two classes, one at six a. m. and the other at seven a. m. met at the Institute with Robert Kenner as instructor.

All seminary work as well as the institute classes is under the direction of Robert Lee Kenner who served the institute also last year as director.

The 1951-52 seminary classes were instructed in Old Testament studies. This year New Testament will be offered.

Over 100 students came voluntarily at these early hours to receive religious guidance. The classes met every day that the public high schools were in session.

During the season 1952-53 all students located in the vicinity of Berkeley, El Cerrito, Albany, Hayward ,San Leandro, Elmhurst and Maxwell Park will be offered week day classes in Old and New Testaments.

Bliss Cook, Bates Bryan, Herbert Marsh and R. Lee Kenner will teach these classes. All high school students interested should now make written application to their respective ward bishops.

A similar work has been carried on for many years for high school students in Salt Lake City each weekday at an hour before the time that regular school begins. In the Los Angeles area,

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Golden Wedding Reception Held

Rachel H. Ball Isaac B. Ball,

The first Berkeley stake golden wedding reception ever held for one of its stake officers and his wife was celebrated at the Berkeley chapel Wednesday, September 3, for Stake Patriarch Isaac B. Ball and Rachel Hodgson Ball.

Approximately 400 invited friends from the east bay wards crowded the lounge and a section of the recreation hall to felicitate the happy couple upon completion of their 50 years of wedded life, and to wish them well for the future.

In the receiving line, besides the two principles, were their daughter, Marcelle Karpus and her husband, Ray Karpus; their daughter-in-law, Hazel Owens Ball and granddaughter, Barbara Gardet and her husband, Paul. Another granddaughter, Beverly Brennaman and her husband, Fred Brennaman of Long Beach were unable to attend on account of his call to navy maneuvers at this time. Russell Hodgson Ball, only living son, was unavoidably out of town.

Brother and Sister Ball are the parents of three children (the oldest, John Price Ball, being now dead), and have five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Both Isaac B. and Rachel H. Ball were born in Salt Lake City and solemnized their marriage in 1902 in the Salt Lake Temple. The father of Elder Ball, John Price Ball, drove his own oxteam across the plains to Utah in 1862, practiced the trade of shoemaker and later became a successful merchant. Rachel's father was Bishop Oliver Hodgson, a building contractor who was supervisor for the erection of the Bureau of Information on Temple Square and also for the great Church Office Building in Salt Lake City.

The Ball family first came to Berkeley in 1924 at which time "I. B." spent 12 months as special research assistant in the department of education at the University of California. The family returned to Utah where he resumed his position as Utah State Supervisor in vocational education with offices in the State Capitol. But the lure of Berkeley had cast a spell over the family. Brother Ball resigned his state position and brought his family to the bay area where he entered the University of California in 1927 and later earned the master's degree in education. Thereafter his work was with the secondary schools of Berkeley until his retirement in 1946 at which time he became editor and manager of The Messenger.

Rachel has given much time to the MIA and the Relief Society in various positions throughout the years. Her gift for humorous verse has enlivened many ward and stake parties, as well as home gatherings.

Stevenson Lived Here Localite Knew Adlai

A member of the LDS colony reports that he has a clear memory of living next door to the Stevenson family on Cedar street, Berkeley, at the time that Adlai was a lad of four.

Said the member who wishes his name withheld for certain good employment security reasons. "My father and his family lived in 1906 in a home on Cedar street, a block west of Euclid and next door to the house on the northwest corner of Cedar and Hawthorne in which Adlai Stevenson lived with his parents and his sister, then seven years of age. I was then 14 years old.

"I recall very clearly," says our informant, "every member of the Stevenson family for we children saw one another at play each day for the six months that we lived neighbors. The Stevensons had moved to Berkeley from Los Angeles where Adlai was born.

"The two homes were badly shaken by the San Francisco earthquake so that my family and the Stevenson family soon moved away, and thus I lost track of them. I recall however that they were reported to have gone to Illinois. Both houses were remodeled and lived in until the Berkeley fire of 1923 burned both structures. Now newer homes stand on these properties."

Thus Berkeley First Ward has one more mark on its flag of distinctions.

Local Insurance Men Win Expensefree Trip

Charles J. Talyor, General Agent and Don C. Wood, Harold J. Hickenlooper Donald F. Sweet, Lyman Parker, Wayne Wanlass, Melvin Rollins, and Horace J. Ritchie, local representatives for the Beneficial Life Insurance Company of Salt Lake City, and their wives have been invited to attend a company convention to be held September 9-12 at Shore Lodge, Payette Lakes, McCall, Idaho. These men

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LIAHONAS BUSY FINISHING STATELY STURDIER BUILDINGS

A modern Mormon saga of the Sierras is in the making. The thing that couldn't be done is being put over. Catastrophe has been pushed back; victory's shout is heard again in the land of the Liahonas.

Only two years ago brave hearts of the Liahona Club of LDS business men dreamed long dreams, until from those hopes grew real structures, sturdy and strong, by the mighty Stanislaus forest streams.

Homeward turned the dreamers, tired, to await enjoyment of their labors in another summer's smiles.

Came hoary winter's greatest snowpack, never equalled. Ten thousand times ten thousand tons pressed relentlessly until stoutest structures were crushed to earth like match-box play houses. Ruins were flattened to earth; timbers twisted; walls fallen.

All seemed lost; dreams appeared destroyed and the dreamers frustrated. Fate laughed; jested. Funds now were far spent; the treasury all but empty. Labor seemed wearied; hope dishevelled.

Then one asked where was the courage of the fathers, those pioneer fathers. Had they not suffered many and greater tragedies? How now would it be with their sons? Could they not now arise and build again; build stronger and yet stouter, nothing daunted?

"Give me men to match my mountains" was the repeated cry of one loud voice that would still

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Local Dinner Clubs Hear Archeologist

The Oakland Round Table, a dinner-club with world-wide branches, heard Thomas S. Ferguson ,the joint author of "American Archeology and the Book of Mormon," discuss August 6 the topic, "New Worlds Opened by Archeology."

The theme of the lecture was that evidence is piling up showing that the ancient Americans knew of the Christ and His mission and divinity, a fact that supplies new and thrilling evidence for Jesus as the Lord. The lecture connected this with the Book of Mormon recordation of the Lord's visit to the Central American area.

Results: a second invitation to Elder Ferguson to return and tell the Round Table more along this same story. Forty attended including the Oakland Chief of Police and the manager of the Leamington and many business and professional personalities of Oakland.

The San Leandro Round Table Club followed by inviting Tom to deliver an address on the same topic before their dinner session August 20, and on August the 25th the High Twelve Club heard a similar talk at their meeting at the Moose Club dining room in Oakland.

Tell It To The Messenger; When News Happens Call This Paper

The Messenger of Northern California is ever looking for news that will be of interest to our readers while it yet is news. In this you can help. When anything happens and you are the first to know about it, or when you first hear that some news is about to break, be the first to let the Messenger hear about it. That's the way to help your paper serve its readers better.

Phone the Messenger, Ashberry 3-8131 and reverse the charges, or write the Messenger at 1612 Spruce Street, Berkeley, special delivery. In any case we will stand all charges and costs. Or, of course, you may contact your ward or stake reporter and ask them to hurry it to us.

Your name will be withheld and the "source of the tip" kept strictly confidential if that is your desire. Or, on the other hand, you will be given full credit and thanks unless you request otherwise.

The Messenger does not seek to be "sensational" in the bad sense of that word. Your Messenger's management and editorial committee, however, are earnestly resolved to be as alert as is humanly possible for timely reader-interest news while it still is news.

We repeat, ward and stake reporters and all Church members will therefore confer a benefit on themselves and others by remaining alert to "newsy" news, and by promptly passing it along to the Messenger. Pictures of a high professional, or near-professional, grade are also solicited, and will be paid for if necessary. Hire a commercial photographer to take a "shot" and develop a large glossy print ,in a hurry and send us the bill.

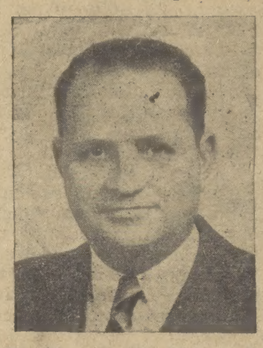
Needed is all sorts of news: social, sports in church contests or at school or college, college news, quorum, organizational, biographical, personal, humorous, inspirational, stimulating news—any and all news. Also letters to the editor or all sorts of current questions.

The Messenger truly is your very own paper. Build and enjoy it.

BERKELEY CONFERENCE STRESSESS MISSIONS

Addressed in the Saturday evening session of the conference, the Priesthood meeting of Berkeley stake, by Thomas W. Gardner of the Northern California Mission of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the Berkeley Stake Conference stressed missionary service in all its four sessions on Saturday and Sunday, August 30-31.

Conference Speakers



Delbert F. Wright

John A. Murdock

Francelle Larsen led the Walnut Creek and Pleasant Hills wards Singing Mothers in the Sunday morning session and Nico D. Snel, stage chorister, presented a mixed chorus from Pleasant Hills Ward before the afternoon meeting. Marjorie Pyle was at the organ while Elder Snel led in the congregational singing during all sessions.

President Delbert F. Wright of Oakland stake was the invited special speaker for the Sunday morning worship, and in the afternoon gathering of the saints President John A. Murdock of Santa Rosa Stake was the visiting speaker. Heard also were the three members of the stake presidency of Berkeley stake, Kirk Decker, high councilors Delbert Rock and Douglas Ream, returned missionaries Retta Gilbert and the president of the stake mission, Phyl Hilton. Stake clerk, Elwood F. Meredith spoke briefly after presenting the authorities for the vote of the saints.

In a long and impressive missionary address, President Gardner of the Northern California Mission explained the various plans for more effective missionary work and gave figures of results therefrom.

When he came into the mission five years ago 3100 Books of Mormon were being sold annually by the elders in the mission. This was stepped up to 16,000 after the first year of the improved plan of work and last year the sales of this same modern scripture reached 23,000. And whereas five cottage meetings were held per elder in a stated period, now 19 are being reported in the same length of time and the number of converts has doubled.

President W. Glenn Harmon stated that within the last six months 2107 converts had been made by the stake missionaries throughout the Church. He gave the number of Berkeley stake missionaries now in service as 68. The front seats of the chapel were occupied by the stake missionararies during the stake conference. As the number of full time missionaries are necessarily decreasing on account of the call to the armed services, the number of stake missionaries is being increased so that the total amount of missionary labor within the Church will not decrease in these critical times.

New instructions have been received by all stake presidents regarding new emphasis in stake missions. Older people are to be

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Elder Widtsoe Honored By SUP

Elder John A. Widtsoe of the Council of the Twelve of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was honored August 27 by the Sons of the Utah Pioneer Luncheon Club at the Hotel Utah in Salt Lake City, Utah.

California admirers of the apostle and educator will be pleased to know that a bust of Elder Widtsoe was unveiled at that time. Similar busts of famous western people are done by Dr. Avard Fairbanks for the purpose ultimately of gracing a Museum of Western History which the Sons of Utah Pioneers are planning to erect on a worthy site in Salt Lake City.

Born 80 years ago in Norway, Dr. Widtsoe succeeded in graduating from Harvard University and then in taking a doctor's degree at Goettingen University in Germany in the field of chemistry. Later serving as president of the UAC at Logan then of the University of Utah, publishing many important works, he accepted a call to the apostleship in 1921 where he has done a magnificent work for the Gospel by tongue and pen.

Choir Sings 1200th Program

The world-famed Salt Lake Tabernacle Choir broadcast, over nation-wide networks for the past 24 years, reached another milestone Sunday morning, August 24, 1952, when the 1200th consecutive broadcast was aired at 8 a.m.

The first national network broadcast was July 15, 1929. The choir was led by Anthony Lund. Edward P. Kimball played the famous organ. From that time until September, 1932, the program was heard on week days over the National Broadcasting Company.

Sunday morning releases began in September, 1932, when the broadcast went across the nation through the facilities of the Columbia Broadcasting System.

The broadcast is believed to be the oldest continuously-presented nation-wide program in the history of American radio. CBS officials have described it as "by all odds the oldest program on our network."

"It's hard to believe we are now approaching a quarter of a century in age. Yet, we are now into our 24th year of continuous, year-round broadcasting," said Richard L. Evans, veteran announcer-producer and member of the First Council of the Seventy of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

In the early days when KSL had only one microphone, they had to shut down the station to broadcast from the Tabernacle. With only one mike, it was placed high to pick up the choir. It was difficult for the announcer, however, who had to stand on a step-ladder to participate in the broadcast. After the broadcast they raced back to reopen the station.

Now we have 11 different microphones. Each one picks up a separate section of the choir and organ.

OAKLAND STAKE

Oakland Stake News

Blue Ribbons Won; John Kai Entertains Gail Cragun In FBI; Midget Car Racer

At the Alameda County Fair last year Eugenia Daniels of Alameda won many blue ribbons. This year she won 13 blue ribbons, 17 second place, 14 third place on jams, jellies, crochet, tatting and knitted articles, canned fruits and vegetables. We congratulate Eugenia on the 45 awards; we know one can use the prize money too! The one item in her exhibit of most interest to all of us and on which she won second place was a melodian that her grandma had brought across the Plains. It was entered as an antique.

Congratulations to Paul Kenkel, formerly of Dimond and Alameda Wards on his recovery of the use of his feet which were frozen several times in the last war while he was in Alaska. Will power has pushed him on. After months spent in a hospital and more time convalescing outside the hospital, he is well again. Incidentally, he built three modern homes while he was convalescing—such is his will power.

Mrs. Laverne Pennock is attending the summer session at San Francisco Teachers College.

Mr. and Mrs. Hyrum J. Blosch of Hyrum, Utah, had a nice visit at the home of the Arnold Bangerters in Alameda.

Drex Smith was proud as a peacock last fast day when he blessed his baby son in Alameda. Having lost two earlier children, everyone is happy over this healthy child. Drex's father, mother and brother were here from Enoch, Utah, for the baby's blessing.

Relief Society stake board meeting was held at the home of Counselor Gertrude Wright August 27. Plans were made for attendance at the National Relief Society Convention in Salt Lake City in October. Last year, seven of the Oakland stake board were in attendance.

Minnie Ellsworth is recovering from a very bad break in her arm and shoulder while Frank Ellsworth, her husband, was recovering from a heart attack.

The Oakland High Priests' annual melon bust and weiner roast was held at the stake welfare center August 9. Over 100 attended.

Bruce L. Morgan who has just finished his basic training in the army and who is now being given more special classes, was set apart as a group leader by Elder Thys Winkel August 3. Many of the returned missionaries and other worthy boys are given this privilege so they may gather the LDS boys for worship when they are far from organized branches of the Church.

The Emmet Daniels family of Alameda have been up on the American River panning for gold.

Did you know that we have the "California Lady Midget Car Racing Champion" in the Oakland Stake and that she is doing fine missionary work? Eunice Folkerson held the championship up to the time that racing for women was banned as being too dangerous for the fair sex.

Oscar Fontano celebrated his birthday in August, spending the day doing missionary work.

John Kai Entertains. An evening of fun and entertainment was held in the Dimond Ward under direction of the Third Quorum of Elders. John Kai, the genial master of ceremonies, kept everyone in a happy mood by his repartee. The Samoan knife dance was an authentic dance. Mrs. Paulson taught five of the men the hula which was hilarious for the audience if not for the men. A Polynesian Group sang native songs, everyone laughed, danced or sang and all liked the refreshments. The opening prayer was given in Hawaiian by Sister Paulson and the closing prayer was by Brother Tao in the Samoan language. The entertainers came from San Francisco, Hayward, Alameda and Dimond wards. **If you want an entertainment well organized and presented, ask John Kai.**

Thomas S. Ferguson, the joint author with Dr. Milton Hunter of the bestseller book, "Ancient America and the Book of Mormon," will lecture in the Alameda chapel on the Book of Mormon and show slides before the Special Interest group. The date is September 16 at 7:30 p.m.

The Special Interest group featured a fall-fun-fare September 2, and on September 9 a potluck dinner in the recreation hall.

Mrs. Darrel Jensen from Fallon, Nevada, a past president of the Elmhurst Relief Society, visited friends in Oakland in August.

Richard and Eva Bigler Hutcheson are flying to Philadelphiia where Richard will attend school for the Army for special training as a gauge checker in precision instruments. As they return they will visit Washington, New York and Boston.

Elder LeRoy Blazer gave his entertaining and instructive lecture and showed his colored slides on the archeological discoveries among Book of Mormon peoples living in the Bolivian mountains of South America before a packed house in the Alameda chapel August 12.

Brother Blazer is returning to Utah to teach at the UAC in Logan the coming term. Some years ago he was called to South America as a goodwill ambassador on educational projects under the Marshall Plan. During his vacations he flew to the mountain region of Bolivia where he viewed and photographed the ruins and talked and photographed the natives.

He has some unique specimens of hardened copper. Scientists have questioned the possibility of hardening copper, but the natives have known how to do it.

Lovina MacRae of Alameda was having a lovely vacation in Utah with friends and relatives when she met with a serious accident. A drunk ran into the car in which she was riding, and five people were hospitalized in the LDS hospital.

Lorraine Brake who will marry Ernest Conrad in September in the Salt Lake Temple is a convert to the Church and is a great help in the Alameda ward in music as she is majoring in music in college. Conrad is also a convert, now serving in the U. S. Navy.

The Bee Hive girls of Oakland Stake swarmed at the Sequoia Lodge in Redwood Canyon for three days, August 21-23; a wonderful three days for the girls and their supervisors. All came home tired, tanned and happy.

Did you know that Catherine Matheson during her lifetime has converted ten members of her family to the Church?

Hayward Ward News

By ANNA LIVINGSTON

Building Fund a Must!

The building fund must go on! A show was given August 18 in the Chabot Theater to raise funds for the final payments of our Chapel. The show was "Moonlight Bay."

Bishop Ostler and wife Cleoma are the proud parents of a fine baby boy, Mark Robert, born Aug. 5.

The Scouts are away at summer camp. It makes a decided hole in the ward to have our Scouts and Deacons absent. The camp is in the San Mateo hills. They are expected to be gone around two weeks.

Bea Roberts, the sister of Lu Madsen, is here visiting from Cedar City, Utah. Sister Roberts sang two lovely songs for us in Sacrament meeting. Frank Hawkins has been enrolled with the Stake Mission. He will be the companion of Bro. Smedley. Leroy Blazer gave his very instructive lecture together with pictures that he took while in Bolivia at a cottage meeting at the home of Eldon Stevenson. The Blazers will certainly be missed when they move to Logan to make their home. Bro. Blazer has signed a contract to teach at the UAC at Logan for the next three years. He has been most kind and cooperative in giving lectures to all and sundry who have asked him both in the Church and out.

Thanks very much, Dr. Blazer.

Castro Valley and Hayward were hosts to a four-ward swimming and chili party August 18. Plays were given by both the home wards. "Pink and Patches" was the contribution of our MIA under the very able leadership of Georgia Hawkins, our drama director.

Mina Paine and Michael Rogers were baptized last baptismal

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CASTRO VALLEY NEWS

One Final Push And...

By BETTY MAYNES.

The foremost thought in the minds of everyone in the Castro Valley Ward is the liquidation of the debt on our chapel and dedication of the building in the fall. The next two months are to be months of concentrated effort in the raising of funds.

The officers and teachers of the ward have planned numerous events—September 12, a moving picture in the recreation hall; September 19, a parcel post sale and party; September 26, Box Social.

We invite everyone to have fun with Castro Valley Ward at these events and at the same time help us dedicate our chapel.

We are also planning one Sunday as a day of fast and prayer in an effort to bring about the accomplishment of our goal.

Our MIA has had a full summer program with skating and swimming parties, picnics and fine programs in the recreation hall. Recently Ruth Howell was sustained as the Young Women's president with Attellia Berg and Carol Stewart as her counselors. Dean Hawkley is the superintendent with Robert L. Moore as his counselor.

We have a full and interesting program in Mutual and we need you to put it into successful operation. Please come each Tuesday—we need you and you need us.

The Primary Association pleads that all members with children of Primary age have the "Children's Friend" in the home. This magazine will do much good for children.

The Primary officers and teachers are selling beautiful Christmas cards to maintain their own organization and also help with the building fund. Please buy your cards from them.

On September 1 Primary will meet at 4 p.m. on Wednesday afternoons. Your Primary-age children will glean much from the programs.

The Eighth Quorum of Elders held a very successful watermelon bust on July 30 with about 100 in attendance. A very nice entertainment was presented by Judy and Justin Tanner, Sharon Moore, and DeOrr Sorenson. The Elders are planning more get-to-gethers in the hopes of arousing the interest of more non-active members to participate in church affairs. Stanley Maynes has been sustained as the quorum's president with Paul Cosmey and George Scheuller as his counselors.

Livermore Br. News

FAY B. KERN.

The Sunday School reports that Mildred Medsker has been released as secretary and Sister Georgia White has been named to replace her. Sister Medsker will act as Branch Organist. Doris Sturgeon has been asked to assist in the Primary class in Sunday School.

Fast Sunday saw two new members added to the Church records. Marvin Sturgeon was confirmed a member of the Church by Owen L. Stewart, Stake missionary. Brother Sturgeon is a convert to the Church. We are happy to welcome him into our Branch.

The son of Georgia and Steve White was blessed and given a name also.

Ladies' night at Church proved a big success with a large attendance and a variety of—shall we say—talent? Anyway we are now looking forward to men's night to see how they perform under similar circumstances.

Maxwell Park Ward News

Dennis Lauper Heads MIA Special Interest

Vivian Williams has returned home after spending 20 months in the Great Lakes Mission. She attended the pageant at the Hill Cumorrah and visited friends and relatives in Utah before returning home.

The ward lost a faithful worker when the Navy transferred George Thain from Alameda to Oklahoma to attend a school there.

Keep November 21st open! Oakland Stake will present the operetta "HMS Pinafore" to benefit the building fund. November 21!

Come out and join the Special Interest class. Leader this year is Dennis Lauper, High Council member. Classes begin the second Tuesday in September.

The Wendell Martin, Robert Paine and Grant Hawkins families recently attended a Paine family reunion in Utah. While there, the group went through the temple together.

The ward misses Larry and Ardelle Woods and their fine children. They have moved to Newfoundland.

A special sacrament and testimony meeting was held recently in the home of Ivan Beck and his mother, now 96. Sister Beck is unable to attend our regular ward meetings.

Thirteen girls and three leaders were honored at our recent awards night. Vicki and Barbara Martins' certificates had special gold seals showing 100 percent attendance at Sunday School, Mutual and Sacrament meetings for the 17-month period. Others who received certificates are Marge Hawkins, Beehive leader; Lee Ashby, Activity Counselor, and Joan Moody, Joan Williams, Cecil Henderson, Shirley Henderson, Joanne Bybee, Diana Whiffen, Jean Bramwell, Bonnie Bramwell, Iris Edwards, Eleanor Matheson, Marlyn Judson and Arlene Woods. The Bishop presented certificates of commendation to many other girls who nearly achieved an award.

Congratulations are in order for Marilyn Judson and Rosetta Thomas, who have completed the requirements to become Silver Gleaners. Sis. Thomas has worked in the Mutual for eight years, but she has been forced to quit for awhile because of ill health.

Bishop's Message

Vacation time is over so, now is the time to think about building a chapel. Though nearly $12,000 have been accumulated, there has been a lag in payment of pledges these Summer months. If the members will give their support through contribution and payment of their pledges, then, with the projects that are planned, we will have enough money by the end of the year to begin our building. Let us all give an extra push in this behalf.—CURTIS R. BYBEE.

Alameda Ward News

Dancing Saturdays

By VERLA J. SMITH.

(Delayed from August to September issue.)

The women who attended Relief Society Work Day on July 9 had the pleasure of hearing a talk by Eugenia Daniels. She displayed the bottled fruit, preserves and vegetables that had won her so many prizes and ribbons at the Alameda County Fair in Pleasanton in July.

Patsy Lane enjoyed two weeks camping, swimming ,hiking and sleeping under the stars at the Girl Scout Camp. She especially enjoyed crafts and archery, even boasting a bulls-eye.

The children of the Primary paraded in costume on July 22 in commemoration of Pioneer Day. Then Emma Eliason told a Pioneer Story after which everyone received an ice cream treat.

Primary Family night was held August 3. The children presented a lovely program and displayed the artcraft projects they had made during the summer.

Brother and Sister Kenneth Pike (Delores Knowles) have returned to the Bay Area and are making their home in San Leandro where Kenneth has become a partner with Rulon Knowles in the General Saw and Lawn Mower Service he owns.

The Alameda Ward extends best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery to LaVina McRae. Sister McRae suffered a very serious accident in Salt Lake City. A card may be mailed to her at Room 404, LDS Hospital, Salt Lake City, Utah, to cheer her heart.

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Wanted: Women A Cappella Singers

By JEAN LAUPER.

San Francisco Stake MIA was host to a six-stake convention August 16. MIA boards, stake presidencies, high council representatives and bishoprics came to participate in the inspirational meetings held by 24 visiting members of the General MIA Boards. A buffet supper was served to the visitors and many of the executives preceding the meetings that began at 7 p.m. and continued until 10:30.

Several members have been added recently to the stake MIA boards. Gladys Wooten, head of the Bee Hive department for some time, has become secretary, and the following will fill a variety of positions: June Galvez, dance director; Rose Marie Mulkern, drama; Maurine Henrickson, Bee Hive; Le Ney Russell, attendance secretary; Georgia Lauper, pianist.

President Ben Rich has added Joe Burdett, age group counselor; Ray Williams as dance director; and Richard Mower.

Primary: A stake Primary party was held in Stern Grove, August 15. Especially honoring the Trail Builders and Home Builders of the stake, all children were invited, and a good number of parents and grandparents came to join in the fun.

President Vivian Neff announes several changes on her board: Alice Hansen released; Virginia Pearson called to be second counselor in the presidency. Hilma Glew, formerly San Francisco ward Primary president will be the stake historian, and Beatrice B. Thulin has been set apart for the board but not yet assigned to a department.

Relief Society: The Stake Relief Society will hold the first Union meeting of the season when they meet Thursday morning, September 4, at 10 a.m.

A large number of the stake board will be attending General Conference and Relief Society Conference in October. Among them Gladyis Winter, Ann Barton, Edie Somers, Jessie Martin and Florence Costa.

SINGERS WANTED

WANTED: About 16 women of the stake who enjoy singing fine music and sight read well enough to sing A Cappella as well as accompanied works. Will those interested in such a project call Jean Lauper, Montrose 4-9675, who is eager to get such a group together. SOON!

The many friends of Sara Terry Andrews will be interested to know she has recently been sustained as president of the Burlingame ward Relief Society.

CHURCH BOOKS

For years the members of the stake were able to buy the fine church books and the Deseret News thru Henry Thomson. They will be interested to know that since Brother Thomson passed away a few months ago, Sister Thomson has taken over and will handle the same books and the Deseret News subscriptions. Sister Thomson lives at 2083 32nd Ave., telephone is OVerland 1-2761.

DIRECTORS' CLASS

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LIVELY FIRESIDE GROUP

Great credit is due the Fireside group of Balboa ward, who on their own initiaitive held a carnival to raise money for their new chapel, soon to be built. Called "Balboa Island," the party featured a night club, with a program and dancing with Leon Collett as MC; a food sale, a large variety of games; refreshment stand; a spook show, and many other imaginative entertainments. The evening was concluded with an auction. A sizable sum of money was turned over to the Bishopric.

FATHERS AND SONS

The annual Father and Sons outing was held in the Maple Area of Redwood Regional Park, Friday and Saturday, August 22 and 23. Extensive planning ahead made the outing a great success. At 8:30 on Friday night a campfire program was held and hot dogs were served. Saturday brought a big field day of sports eevnts.

Allen Eugene Anderson, who has lived in this stake for about two years, has been called to the Texas-Louisiana Mission.

BALBOA WARD

Building Fever Contagious

By VAL WAGNER.

The building fever has caught on—the old house on the property we are going to build our new Ward is coming down fast. People are so enthusiastic they come out at 3 a.m. to get an early start!

The Carnival put on by the young people's Fireside really went over with a bang! Food, food and more food—fun, fun and more fun. The ward is truly grateful for the zest of these young people.

Released. The following members have been released from their duties with a vote of thanks: Frank W. Heiss, Activity Counselor; Charles Naumann, Secretary; Grant Bennion, Chairman Boy Scout Troup Committee and Louis D. Allen, member Boy Scout Troup Committee, YMMIA. Sister Helen Bennion, Sunday School Teacher; and Ruth Challis, Primary Teacher.

New Officers: Newly sustained officers are: Charles Naumann, Activity Counselor; Wendall Collett, Secretary of YMMIA; Roger Lee Craft Jr., as Institutional Representative; Joseph Parmley, Chairman; Charles Naumann, Secretary-Treasurer; Edward L. Howard, Advancement Counselor and John William Stull as Program Representative of the Boy Scout Troup Committee.

New Superintendent: We are happy to announce our new Sunday School Superintendency: George F. Simister, Superintendent; Claude Parker, 1st Assistant; and John William Stull, Second Assistant. It is with deep regret the former superintendents were released. A vote of thanks for the wonderful work they did! Released were Leon Hovik, O. Hugo Jenkins and Marvin F. Bush. Marjorie Hovick was released as the Chorister, also. A party was given the outgoing and incoming officers by the Sunday School.

Primary resumes on Thursday again on September 4 at 4:15 p.m. at the Balboa Ward Stake House. Children, please take notice.

SUNSET WARD NEWS

Auxiliaries Open Session

By JEAN BARTON.

Bishop's Message:

The Savior indicated, that to live as the Lord has commanded, is to live toward perfection, even as the Father is perfect.

Therefore may we direct your thingking for the coming month, "Let your light so shine before this people, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven," III Nephi 12:16.—Bishop Ritchie.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

The annual Labor Day weekend outing sponsored by the young people's Fireside group with Raymond Stein as chairman, was enjoyed by a number who attended the annual affair.

S. Vern Hobson has been sustained second counselor and Joseph R. Johnson as first counselor to iBshop iRtchie. This action was taken at the regular Sacrament meeting held on Sunday, August 17. Brother Willard Barton, who has served in the bishopric for the past 26 months has moved to Balboa Ward. Brother Barton will long be remembered for his enthusiastic labors with the young people of Sunset Ward. His wife, Jean, has been our ward reporter and has been a real asset to the many ward functions

AUXILIARIES BEGIN

The Primary will commence regular meetings Wednesday afternoon, September 3, at 4 p.m. MIA swings into a full program of activity and fun Tuesday, September 2. Relief Societh's opening social is scheduled for Thursday, September 25, at 7 p.m. This is to be a dinner party and evening program for all women of the ward. Working women, young mothers ,all women, old and young are cordially invited and urged to attend.

Let all support these programs. They represent much thought and planning for our enjoyment and benefit.

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Mission Ward News

By ETHEL TITUS and IDA BIGELOW.

Bishop's Message

The Bishopric is very much pleased with the response to our appeal, especially during this vacation time, for a better attendance, both at Sunday School and at Sacrament services. We feel that the spirituality of our ward is certainly at a very high level at the present time. Our goal has been to increase our attendance by 50 per cent for 1952 over 1951. This goal has been met by our MIA. We feel that other organizations can keep this goal in mind, and be inspired by the Mutual accomplishment.

We would like to impress upon the members of our ward that they should take full advantage of every opportunity offered by our Church for advancement and leadership; and also enjoy the fine associations that each organization provides.

Individual merit awards for work well done in MIA were presented to the following girls: Christine Politis, Sheila Peterson, Lucille Petree, Dixie Oliver, Alma Libby, Gail Johnson, Geraldine Hockstrasser, Renee Hunter, Reane Hunter, Sharan Hunter, Sandra Hunter, Claudia Chester, Claudia Draper, Carol Burkholder, Beverly Allred and Lola Alling.

James Warrel has been advanced to the office of a Priest during August.

Louis Celentano, Mission Ward Boy Scout leader, accompanied his troop to Sutro's Tuesday, Aug. 4 for an evening of swimming; Phyllis Celentano, MIA president, took her Beehive girls to Sutro's the following Tuesday evening for a swim.

Sigmund Stern Grove was the locale of a Mission Ward party, sponsored by the MIA Tuesday evening, August 19. The barbeque pits were used in preparing the individual picnics and ice cream cookies and punch were served to all. Games were played and dancing rounded out the evening.

Frank Fairbanks reserved Thursday evening for his Deacons' group. After their baseball game they enjoyed a chili bust at the Fairbanks home.

Grant Pace has finished his dental studies and, together with his wife and two young sons, has gone to Fresno for a short vacation before making arrangements for his future practice. Grant has taught the Gospel Doctrine Class in Sunday School; many will miss him.

Babies blessed on Fast Sunday were Terrell Ann Harper, daughter of Clifton, and Gay Harper, Diane Lynn McAlister, daughter of the James W. McAlister; and David Vaoiai, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Juanita L. Vaoiai.

Confirmed were Melvin and Marelyn Sullivan, twins of Samuel and Belva Sullivan. Also Garry Benjamin Popkin and Anthony Broughton.

MISSION WARD SHOWERS

A farewell baby shower was given for Vauna Lou Davis Lundgreen Monday, August 18, at the home of Esther Cammerer. Vauna and her husband, Hartley, have gone to Utah to make their home. Hartley will study for a teaching carreer at the UAC. Vauna will be at Provo with her sister, Mearl Sadler until after their baby arrives and will then join Hartley in Logan. Their many friends in this area wish them well.

Friends of Beverly Allred met on Thursday evening, August 7, at the Guardello Hunters' home for a miscellaneous engagement shower.

On the evening of August 13. Donna Harper and VaLois Baker entertained at the Harper home at a Revere Ware shower for Beverly. And neighborhood friends held a shower for her on Saturday evening, August 16.

WEDDING BELLS

A wedding reception was held on Friday evening, August 22, at the Mission Ward Chapel, in honor of Beverly and her young groom, Frank McKell Wheelwright. Their many friends met to offer the young couple their best wishes.

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EDITORIAL

The Seeming Unreality Of The Spiritual Life

Nicholas Nyaradi in his new book, "My Ringside seat in Moscow," (1952), records the answer a Moscow girl, a typist, made to the question, "Do you go to church?" The bright young woman replied, "What for? I don't know what God is or even what is meant by the word."

Where shall one place the blame, or how may one explain the cause of this confessed unreality of spiritual things on the part of an intelligent lady?

How many people in even so-called Christian lands today could frankly confess much seeming unreality of the spiritual life to them?

How many among us are yet "walking in darkness at midday?" How many daily have the joyous sense of the nearness of our Heavenly Father and of his son Jesus Christ?

"Speak to Him thou, for He hears thee,
And Spirit with spirit shall speak;
Closer is He than breathing,
Closer than hands or feet."

How shall one make religion real?

A radio speaker recently said he felt that the friendship of Jesus gives the handle to the Christian's reality of religion.

Friendship does not just happen. There are fixed laws of friendship, one of which is the law of association.

You see your friends often and they are very near and real to you even in the intervals of their brief absence from one's actual presence.

But if he or she moves away, gradually this sense of nearness and reality fades, and we grow to live our lives with little or no sense of their close presence with us.

One writer who had studied and written a book on the life of Paul stated that now Paul was very near and real to him. So it is with God.

Perhaps it is well to search our souls by asking how much time do we spend with our Heavenly Father and how much with the affairs of this life? The law of association undoubtedly works here as well as elsewhere. God is real to one in proportion to the time spent with Him.

"Seek me and ye shall find me."

"Speak to Him thou, for He hears thee." In prayer one meets our Father face to face. If one will but be at home with the Lord, show hospitality to Him even as to a choice guest in the home, speak to Him often and familiarly during the day whenever one spends his waking hours. He will become our ever present Friend.

If people are together often and are congenial, they become very real and dear to one another. It is so with our Father and our Elder Brother and us.

Another law of friendship is that of expression. Nothing is real until it is expressed. When we express in deeds the friendship we feel, it becomes more real.

The little things we do for our friends strengthen friendship. This always works whether that friendship be with our Father above or any friend on the earth.

If we do the things that we know please the Lord; if we read of Him and listen to Him speak to us in His own books; if we speak to Him in our short and our longer prayers often, familiarly and happily, to us there will be no seemingly unreality of the spiritual life.

Then will come to each one the fulfillment of our Lord's words to our Prophet.

"So shall thy confidence wax strong in the presence of God and the Holy Ghost shall be thy constant companion."

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If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true. There is another that beareth witness of me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is true.

Ye sent unto John, and he bear witness of the truth . . . .

But I have greater witness that that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.

And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me.—John 5:31-37.

THE POWER OF PRAYER

Lord, what a change within us one short hour
Spent in thy presence will prevail to make;
What heavy burdens from our bosoms take;
What parched grounds refresh as with a shower
We kneel—and all about us seems to lower:
We rise—and all, the distant and the near,
Stands forth in sunny outline, brave and clear.
We kneel, how weak! We rise, how full of power!
Why, therefore, should we do ourselves this wrong,
Or others, that we are not always strong;
That we are ever overborne with care,
Anxious and troubled, when with us is prayer,
And joy and strength and courage are with thee.
—Richard Chenevix Trench.

LIAHONAS VERY BUSY

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lead against odds piled high as the mountain peaks that overtowere the destroyed roofs and walls.

Caution counselled delay to count the cost and survey the damage. But the fire of enthusiasm spread like forest flames until all timidity and langour were galvanized into renewed action and hope. "We will build again this very year" was the united cry at last.

Under the leadership of that inspiring spirit that is A. D. Ericksen funds again began to flow into the treasury until pledges equalled estimated costs. Architect Theodore Reugg kindly again spent late hours of freely-given time. Engineer Howard Dunn likewise journeyed to the campsite to advise on strengths and stresses so that all would be safe and sure against another bad winter.

From May 25 when Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Ericksen and son Berkeley first visited the lodge to view the damage until Labor Day weekend there have been workers almost every Friday and Saturday, and some times all through the week. First the destroyed timbers had to be torn away, sorted salvaged, and piled separately for future possible use or for burning. The water pipes that supplied the camp with cold clear water had also been torn and twisted by titanic forces. These were early repaired by Arthur L. Hopkins, Sam Scott and others.

In another column of the Messenger appears "the Log of the Liahona Lodge" wherein will be seen the names and the times of all who have this summer camped for pleasure or for work on this forrested high Sierra LDS campsite resting in an angle on the confluence of two mountain rivers.

Suffice it to say in this report that Labor Day saw the following things accomplished at the campsite:

1. The Utility House has its steeper rafters up again on rebuild walls ready for sheething and shingles; in this house are installed, in separate ladies and men's campartments, toilet and showers, and a tank that stores hundreds of gallons of piped water which is heated by coils now installed in the majestic new red brick fireplace adjacent to the building, and convenient for camp cooking.

2. A modern and large sized septic tank has been constructed to keep everything sanitary. This huge piece of underground excavating and concrete lining with long deep tile pipes for run-off has been constructed by a group of Berkeley M Men and Gleaners under the leadership of Woody Bates and Bruce Merrill, who besides being enginers and sanitary inspectors respectively are also hard heavers on the working end of picks and shovels.

On the lodge proper, the first flooring has been laid, and one of the walls has its skeleton 2x6's again standing ready. During the week following Labor Day Bill Clements is camping alone with his family so that he may go forward with the work. Epic tales may well be told in years to come of the victory over disaster when the destroyed Liahona lodge was rebuilt again by the sons of the pioneers in 1952.

Tuesday, Sept. 9 Clyde Lindsay, the Newark builder, took his crew of carpenters. They, with other helpers, will put up the building and the roof, all ready for shingles and sheathing.

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Our Readers' Views

Lumberton, North Carolina.
August 5, 1952.

Dear Editor:

I am with my son Dean in his mission field. Today we spent visiting the saints.

We drove a long way to hear this story. Mrs. Charles Shoemaker was visited by a young, quiet and very sincere Mormon missionary. He influenced her to buy a Book of Mormon and advised her to read certain pages.

When her husband came home he criticized her for buying the book. She justified herself by replying that it only cost a dollar.

Day after day Mrs. Shoemaker kept on reading the book and her husband looked on inquiringly. Finally one day he thumbed thru it. Then at last one day he took it up and read it.

He had read only a few pages when he said he wouldn't take $15 for it.

From this beginning the Shoemakers investigated the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Finally the humble young Elder, L. Dean Rice, who sold her the book, and his companion had the pleasure of baptizing this fine young couple.

The greatest desire of Sister Shoemaker now is to be sealed to her husband for time and all eternity before he has to go to Korea.

Elder Rice . . . has a fervent testimony of the Gospel and he knows the Scriptures. My only regret is that I do not have ten more sons to send on missions. . . .

My heart welled over at the way in which Elder Rice was received in the mission field. Saint, convert and investigator love him. Then a prominent professional man, who had once studied for the Baptist ministry explained it to me. "Mrs. Nielsen," he said, "Do you realize the gigantic power and greatness of this boy's humility?"

Sincerely,
MARY W. NIELSEN.

(Editor's note: Dean Rice went on his mission from Berkeley First Ward, a rather quiet, but faithful and reliable young man.)

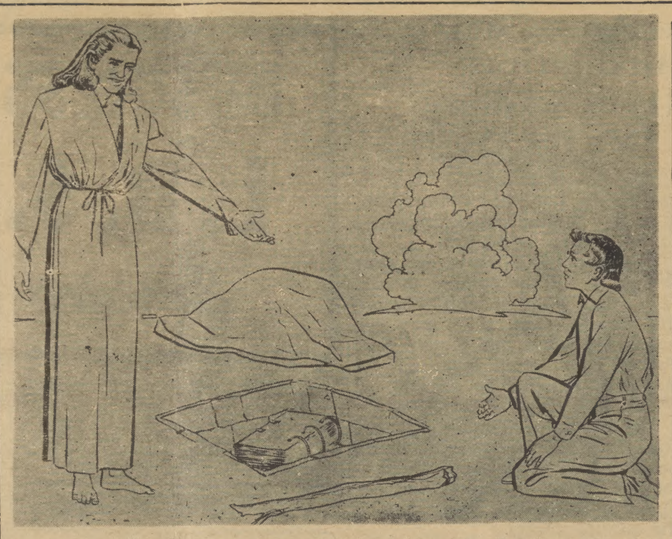
Elder Lee Warns Of Perilous Days

Meeting with the high priests of the East Mill Creek stake in the east foothills of central Salt Lake Valley at their annual party, Elder Harold B. Lee of the Council of the Twelve declared:

"There never was a time when the spirit of discernment was so essential among those who administer the affairs of the Church. Subterfuge, hypocricy and deceit stalk the earth these perilous days and none are safe.

"No prayer should be offered more fervently than that the spirit of discernment be with us. Nor do these temptations come exclusively to the youth and to our married couples. We all have to be constantly on guard."

Speaking to a large assembly of the high priests and their wives Elder Lee drew attention to the all too frequent reports of this and of that individual who has worked his wiles within a group and is leading it astray.



Joseph Smith Uncovers the Golden Plates At Hill Cumorah As the Angel Directed

One of the great dates in American history and in world history, is September 21, 1823. Upon this momentous day the young Prophet of the Last Dispensation still in his late teens was given his first view of the golden plates and the interpretators. From this has come the new witness for Christ, the Book of Mormon, containing the fulness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The heavens were again opened; heavenly beings delivered authorized messages. Amidst the uncertainty and confusion of the Christian world has come certainty and plainness in matters of life and salvation.

Truly the hour of destiny struck on this September day in 1823.

News and Views of the Book of Mormon

By Thomas Stuart Ferguson, LL.B.

Thor Heyerdahl, world famous explorer and anthropologist, is the author of a new book which will lend powerful support to one of the fundamental claims of The Book of Mormon. I have just received one of the first copies to reach America—one autographed and forwarded by the author himself. A few months ago Heyerdahl wrote me requesting permission to use a picture of the bearded ruler of ancient Chichen Itza, Mexico, as it appears in "Ancient America and the Book of Mormon." An enlarged print of the picture was forwarded to Heyerdahl and his new book comes as a return courtesy.

Heyerdahl's new book furnishes the scientific background and theory behind the Kon Tiki voyage, which Heyerdahl and five companions undertook on a balsa raft from the coast of Peru into the Polynesian area of the South Pacific. That voyage demonstrated that the ancient inhabitants of Peru and Central America were capable of building craft and crossing vast expanses of ocean.

Heyerdahl's view is that the Polynesians were first colonized about 500 A. D. by a white race of people from Peru. The currents and trade winds would carry the early explorers into the Polynesian area, Heyerdahl theorized. He proceeded to demonstrate the soundness of his theory by making the voyage on a primitive craft. This caught the imagination and attention of the world. Now, in the new book, "American Indians in the Pacific," Heyerdahl presents all of the scientific evidence behind his theory. The text is 763 pages of print, and they are large pages at that. The book is profusely illustrated and is a publisher's masterpiece.

Heyerdahl shows that the first colonizers of the Easter Islands, the Marquesas, the Society Islands, and Tonga were a white people, whose art and culture was identical to that of ancient Peru of 500 A. D. Many similarities between ancient Peru and Polynesia existed in language, blood type, sculpuring, and physical characteristics (including noses, hair, stature, etc.) He demonstrates most convincingly that the botanical evidence strongly sustains his position. He further shows that these early white Peruvians were great navigators and that they navigated in the East Pacific, out toward the Society Islands. The myths and memories of the peoples of Peru and of the Polynesian area strongly sustain the connections between the two zones. There are many words identical in the vocabularies of the early cultured Peruvians and the earliest Polynesian colonizers.

It is significant that Heyerdahl is of the opinion that the early white Peruvians came from Southern Mexico and Central America, where the Book of Mormon appears to place the early Israelites, descendants of Lehi and Mulek. Heyerdahl quotes some of the early historians of Mexico and Central America—some of the same sources quoted in "Ancient America and the Book of Mormon." Some of the strongest documentary sources in this regard were overlooked by Heyerdahl. He does not refer to such remarkable records as the Totonicapan account from Guatemala, nor to Sahagun, nor does he cite Ixtlixochitl. His book would have been strengthened by such material.

Heyerdahl demonstrates that the present Polynesians of Hawaii, and the other islands of the Polynesian area, are a composite people whose ancestry stemmed from three distinct racial groups. The earliest colonizers were those already mentioned—the white men from Peru and Central America. The next wave of colonizers to reach the Polynesian area were Indians from British Columbia, on the west coast of Canada. The totem poles, the early boats, the blood type, the physical characteristics, the weapons, the arts and crafts, and the ocean currents all sustain the connections between British Columbia and the Islands.

The third people involved in the colonization of the Polynesian Islands was a Melanesian people of very dark skin and black curly hair (a negroid type) from Melanesia. Melanesia is that area comprised of Solomon Islands, New Guinea, New Caledonia, and the Admiralty Islands—all to the north of Australia. This blood was apparently introduced into the eastern Pacific area, known as Polynesia, when the earliest white Peruvian settlers, who traversed into the entire South Pacific area, imported the dark-skinned inhabitants of Melanesia into their island homes as laborers and servants.

"American Indians in the Pacific" is a magnificent book — beautifully written — and with important information to all Book-of-Mormon students. It clarifies some of the problems presented by the story of Hagoth as recorded in the Book of Mormon. It is possible that Hagoth journeyed from Central America to Peru, and that it was his descendants who may have gone out into the South Pacific from the main land of South America. We believe, of course, that The Book of Mormon identifies from original eye-witness records the original white colonizers of middle America, from whence stem the original white Peruvians and Polynesians.

Alma 63.4-9.

Director Mormon Relations Speaks: Scouting Supports Church Program

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Eden district executive.

Stake President Wright gave the opening prayer and his second counselor, Elmo Smith, gave the closing prayer for this meeting which is one of Oakland stake's most important youth leadership meetings in years.

Brother Roberts gave the principal address in which he showed that the value of Scouting is that it helps develop boys so that they can go back to their Heavenly Father. He outlined why we use Scouting in the Church and how we use it for character and citizenship training.

"It supports and supplements our Church program," he said.

This program that comes to us has demonstrated that it can attract and hold boys and "Scouting becomes a tool in our hands," he pointed out.

Brother Roberts pointed out how the Bishop as administrator and personnel manager of the ward is responsible for the youth program. He went into details concerning the job of the Bishop and other details concerning the job of the Bishop and other youth leaders in developing the Scouting and exploring programs in each ward and furnishing the proper leadership and seeing that adult leadership is trained.

Brother Roberts outlined steps in organizing Scout and explorer units and stressed the importance of selecting and training leaders with the MIA superintendent as top man in Scouting ,working under the direction of the Bishop. He also stressed the importance of starting with selection of a good committee.

Brother Roberts reviewed the history of the development of national officers in Scouting responsible for growth of Scouting in their respective churches. National headquarters for Boy Scouts employs Brother Roberts as director of Mormon Relations just as they employ a Director for Catholic, one for Protestant and one for Jewish relations.

By JIMINY

(From Santa Rosa Stake)

Well, dear reader, the time has come to ask you once more to get in the act and send us the various items you have that we might possibly use in "By Jiminy."

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We have been putting out this corner-patter for several months now; we wonder how many people are reading it. Only way we can get an idea is by letters from you. Send us your bright-child sayings, your favorite poems, the pioneer stories of your parents and grandparents, your descriptions of the sounds you love.

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We admit this corner has been hard to read. Our items have been printed all run together, but we are trying to get the editor and printer talked into putting in a (●) and some dashes (----) between the various items. Maybe this is the month they will get the idea.Quien Sabe? (Dear By Jiminy, try indicating on your copy just what "she is to be like." The printer will do the rest, you can bet.—Editor).

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AN INSPIRATION

Give me work to do.
Give me health.
Give me joy in simple things.
Give me an eye for beauty,
A tongue for truth,
A heart that loves,
A mind that reasons,
A sympathy that understands.
Give me neither malice nor envy,
But a true kindness
And a noble commonsense.
At the close of the day
Give me a book
And a friend with whom
I can be silent.

—Scottie Fraser.

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If I could sing at all I could surely sing, "I Love a Parade," with full enthusiasm. I can't sing, but I do love parades. However, for parades, the same as for most other things, there is a time and a place.

We had a Fair in our fair city. The big climatic day was Sunday; so there was a mammoth parade scheduled to begin promptly at 12 noon, on the Sabbath.

Within the city there are approximately 30 different church denominations. I don't believe any of them would fail to teach the Sabbath must be kept holy, but so far as I know, the leaders of none of those churches raised any voice of protest against this sacrilegious Sabbath parade.

When members began arriving at one church at 7 a.m. they found signs which prohibited parking along the three streets bordering their building. These streets were part of the line of march.

If a Fair has any purpose that aim should be to promote the improvement of the general welfare of the people. There are times when Fairs seem to be run for the sole purpose of providing commercial interests with another way to coax all the loose change from Pop and Mom by way of a tugging hand and a pleading voice.

"Please, can I have a ride on the Ferris Wheel?" "Please, can I have a dime to buy some candy wool?"

But granted Fairs are seeking uplift of the people and better business conditions some one needs to say that good business is dependent on good customers. Good customers come from good homes. Good homes are most often kept by church-going, church-minded people. Parades on Sunday promote parade and fair attendance, not church attendance.

So me, what I say is this. Business men are tearing down good business conditions faster by their left-handed over-done commercialism than they are creating good business condition with their right-handed, sincere but clumsy, promotion efforts. I love a parade but not on Sunday.

STAKING A CLAIM

By DENNIS L. LAUPER.

"Seek ye diligently and teach one another words of wisdom; yea, seek ye out of the best books words of wisdom; seek learning even by study, and also by faith." D. and C. 88:118. Let us ask, WHAT DO YOU READ? Do you read for information and wisdom, or only for entertainment?

In a day when most of us seem to have not enough time to do all that we should like to, discrimination in our reading habits is not only desirable but quite necessary. It is obvious, as we look about us, that much of what is printed, is not only lacking in value to mankind but actually is harmful.

It may be lacking because it fails to stimulate worthwhile and constructive thinking ,or because it appeals to man's baser instincts, gives inaccurate information, or creates wrong impressions. In any case, reading takes TIME; if no good purpose has been accomplished it is wrong material because "time is the stuff life is made of."

Because we have "freedom of the press" ANYONE may have ANYTHING printed . . . and apparently does, judging from the amount of cheap and inconsequential material on the newsstands. It is impossible, even if one so wished, to read everything printed. Careful selection is mandatory.

There is so much good reading available on newstands and in our great libraries, that it is a shame if we do not make use of it, just as we select the best food for our minds and spirits. Especially is it important that good books and magazines be provided for our children. Censorship needs to be exercised over the things they read.

Specialists in any particular field find it necessary to read all the publications which deal with their "special interest," in order to keep abreast of their work. Latter-day Saints are specialists in the field of religion and should keep current with the publications of the Church.

Our Church prints only half a dozen publications, all six of which may be had for only 92 cents per month. Yet many Latter-day Saints' homes have none of them. Can you or I afford not to receive some church publications regularly in our homes?

How many of our teachers and auxiliary officers struggle along trying to do their work without the help and inspiration of the magazine designed by the General Authorities to assist them?

Realizing that "knowledge is power" and that "the glory of God is intelligence" we must set our minds to study and to continuous learning—remembering always to "search the scriptures."

HUNTING SEASON

This last spring a teacher of the third grade asked her pupils who could name the four seasons of the year.

A small boy with a serious look on his face raised his hand and was given permission to answer the question. He slowly named the seasons: "The deer season, the fishing season, the duck season . . . " Here he hesitated and appeared deep in thought.

A girl sitting next to him nudged him and said, "The tourist season, you dope."

—Deseret News.

You Just 'Otta' Own This LDS History

It's here at last! Get it and decide for yourself its worth.

The long promised Volume II of Leo J. Muir's "History of Mormon Activities in California" shows excellent photographs of the large families of J. Edward Johnson of Berkeley, of the Emily Lauper and the Eugene Hilton families of Oakland along with the family pictures of the W. King Driggs musical family who formerly lived in these parts and did so much for our colony in musical lines, and the family of Joseph W. McMurrin, who in the 1920's was president of the California mission when W. Aird Macdonald was the president of the bay area branch of the Church.

Photographs of Northern Californian LDS homes could have been more plentiful had those invited sent in pictures of their domiciles. Shown are the homes of Dr. Emery R. Ranker, Delbert Rock, O. Leslie Stone, J. Edward Johnson, Isaac B. Ball, John L. Burdock, Ed Hinckley, Leonard Aiken and Stanley and Anna Patton.

More or less extended biographies of Northern Californians that bring out a great many "oh, I didn't know that before," include the Jack V. Evans family and that of the families of Mildred P. Fontano, W. Glenn and Wanda Harmon, Eugene Hilton, J. Edward Johnson, Raymond L. Knight, Emile and Emily Lauper, W. Aird Macdonald, Manton M. Moody, William G. Moody, John R. Murdock, Annaleone Davis Patton, Anson G. Perkins, Dr. Clarence S. Gardner, Isaac B. Ball, Douglas C. Barnes (who lived here so long ago and actively), W. King Driggs, David W. Cummings and Daken K. Broadhead, a former east bay member who now is very active in the Southland.

Altogether it's a rich volume and puts our people "on the map" as contributors to the history of California as well as of the Church in these parts. Eight extremely enlightening biographies open Vol. II: Samuel Brannan (who, by the way is pointed out as a forebear of the present public figure, Charles F. Brannan, Secretary of Agriculture), Jefferson Hunt, Amasa Mason Lyman, Charles C. Rich, Addison Pratt and George W. McCune.

The volume closes with four discourses by the First Presidency and President Joseph Fielding Smith on the theme, "Lofty Christian Ideals Characterize the Home and Family Life of Faithful Latter-day Saints." (Send word to the Messenger for further information.

Society

Goings and Comings

Livermore. The McLaughlin family spent a week in Yosemite. The Kern family visited at Santa Cruz, Fresno, Bass Lake and spent a day in Yosemite. The Sturgeon family left for Oregon and Washington for two weeks' vacation. Sister Miriam Edgren has been absent for some time visiting in Wyoming. The White family were away over the Labor Day week-end. The Bob Hendersons plan a two-week vacation covering tentatively points from Los Angeles to Salt Lake City. So it goes—someone's always missing from our group. Happy times everyone and hurry back.

San Francisco Stake. Recent visitors in San Francisco were Russell and Evaletta Thompson and their three daughters. For several years they lived in this city and were very active in church affairs.

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Allen are moving to a new home in Salt Lake City. They and their three daughters, Julie, Pam and Vickie, will be missed by their many friends in San Francisco ward.

Leon and Thea Swenson and their three children drove to Utah recently for a two week visit with friends and relatives.

F. S. C. Virgil Cook and his wife have gone on a three-week trip to Utah.

Mrs. Robert J. Peters has gone to Ogden for two weeks.

Stephen and Gladys Winter are taking a pleasant trip in September. About the middle of the month they will drive to Utah, stopping off at Tahoe for a few days en route. In Utah Brother Winter will do some genealogical research and they will take care of some temple work. After General Conference in October they will return home by way of Yosemite where they will spend a few days.

Centerville Branch. The Pigmire, Allsopp and the Staedman families had a delightful trip to Utah and Idaho. ● The James Campbells enjoyed a trip to Lake Tahoe. ● Francis Winkel took his mother back to Utah and returned with his daughter, Linda, who had spent the summer with Rose Winkel's folks, the Thompsons in Provo.

The Edwin Maughn family are spending a month in northern California where Ed is helping his brother. ● Marie Lindsay took Pearl Ann Nuus with her to her son, Clyde Jr.'s in Berkeley to stay with the three little grandchildren while their mother, Janice, accompanied her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Rock on a trip to the Pacific Northwest and Canada. ● Bro. and Sis. Barlow have sold their home and are moving to Pasadena.

Berkeley Second Ward. The C. Ray Balmforths (Janet, Anne, David, Allen and Johnny) have just returned from an enjoyable two-weeks vacation to Idaho and Salt Lake City. They did temple work in the Idaho Falls Temple and spent a pleasant but hot 24th of July in Salt Lake with Janet's folks, the Llewellyn Roberts (he the Church co-ordinator for Boy Scouts).

Hooray for CASSADERO, that fine camp which Clifton Boyack directs. Many members of our ward had such a splendid weekend vacation there. ● Margaret Owens and family have just returned from an extended tour in Utah and a visit with their folks in Logan.

Richmond Ward. The Chantrills have been away since July 15, he teaching at Rexburg, Idaho, Church College and she part of the time with him and part with her folks in Wyoming. They plan to be in Richmond about September 1. ● Donna Teeples has gone to Wyoming for a visit and will be back early in September. ● Leonard and Erma Severson and family have been vacationing in Utah. Their daughter, Vicki, will remain in Utah until school time. Colleen Smith has been spending the summer in Wyoming visiting with friends.

Maxwell Park. Joyce Briscoe of Santa Rosa, after vacationing two months in New Orleans, has decided to stay in the southern city and work there until next spring.

Beatrice Larsen is still vacationing in Utah, but will return soon.

Manton, La Preal, Joan and Linda Moody have returned home after spending a few weeks in the Hawaiian Islands.

Carmen Stephens has been spending her vacation in Utah.

Nana and Rulon Folkman are vacationing in Canada with Burt and Jane Boetes, former ward members.

Mission Ward. Mr. and Mrs. Theodore R. Neil and daughter, Marjory and son, Tommy, left August 8 for Salt Lake City where they had their own temple work done. Bro. McNeil has been a member of the Church a short time and is now serving as a stake missionary.

Berkeley First Ward. Alfred E. H. Cardwell is home again in the Berkeley First Ward after a summer at his son's home in Sweet Home, Oregon. ● Floyd and Maybell Anderson, Berkeley First, have returned from a five week vacation in Utah. ● The Kenneth Bailey family recently came back after spending the entire summer visiting relatives in Southern California, New Mexico and Arizona. The greater part of the time Minerva spent with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Sevey of Mesa, Arizona.

Rodeo Branch. Dr. Cleon Fitt and family of Tormey spent a week on their camping trip at the Liahona Club's Campsite. ● Herb Wells and family of Rodeo returned from their vacation in mid-August, having spent part of the time at Richardson's Grove. ● Edwin and Firsten Lane also came back to their El Sobrante home from Maine. Firsten had to report for his army exams. Edwin has been in Maine since his discharge from the Navy. A sister, ElMae, came back from a visit in Salt Lake. ● Florence Kearns is again in Pinole after her vacation in Salt Lake City. ● Albert Cooper and Charlotte Coupe spent a few days this past month in the Feather River Canyon visiting friends. While there they witnessed a cloudburst. ● Darlene McGregor and family have had visitors from Oregon—her mother, father and brother drove down to visit and vacation with them.

Pleasant Hills. Those who have been enjoying their summer vacations around the country from the Pleasants Hills ward are: The Maceys in Oregon; the Corbridge family in Ogden; the Paul Orams in Logan while the Koffman family found their summer fun on a fishing trip.

Santa Rosa. The Joy Bricoes and Leonard Kays spent a week enjoying the beauties of Southern California.

Balboa Ward. Vacationing in Salt Lake City this summer were Elva Stuart and her family.

The Al Logans and daughter, Joy, have returned from their vacation. ● Bishop and Mrs. Cummings are visiting their daughter, Jeanine and her family in Provo, Utah. The main event being the graduation of their son-in-law from the BYU. ● The Wilford B. Murrays had a very distinguished visitor from Honolulu, Mrs. Lillian Sorenson, who is on the Stake Sunday School Board there. Aloha! ● The Balboa Ward is proud of young John Geertsen Jr., who represented the San Francisco Stake at the all-Church Golf Tournament in Salt Lake City. ● Alice Leidecker and family are vacationing in Salt Lake and visiting with her parents. ● Helen Bennion, one of

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PERSONALITIES

Berkeley. The J. Edward Johnson family have had a month of celebration in Utah. Mrs. Johnson's parents, the Taylor P. Brockbanks of Salt Lake County, celebrated their golden wedding August 21. Elaine Brockbank Evans (Mrs. Jack V. Evans) Berkeley Second Ward, is also a daughter of the Brockbanks.

● The many friends of Christy Kearns will be happy to learn she has accepted a position in the bay area and will retain her membership in Berkeley Stake. Christy's musical abilities will make her an asset to both the wards and the stake.

Elder Sheldon L. Nicolaysen has been the house guest of his aunt and uncle, the Stanley F. Pattons. Elder Nicolaysen recently returned from a two and a half year mission in Uruguay, largely in Montevideo. After his mission release he made an extensive trip in South America and in Book of Mormon lands in Guatemala and Mexico. ● The Paul Brabys enjoyed an extended visit in Utah with friends and relatives. ● On Wednesday August 20 Connie Sparks celebrated her twelfth birthday by having a group of girls in for lunch, games and fun.

OBITUARY

Martinez Ward. Sincere sympathy to Berta Evenson, wife of Bishop Evenson of Martinez, whose mother, Fawn Hunt Woolley was killed in an automobile accident while they were all enroute to the Cardson Temple in Canada.

WEDDING BELLS

Alameda. Lorine Brake was given a lovely bridal shower in the home of Hazel Bangerter. Lorine and Connie are motoring to Salt Lake City to be married in the temple on September 15. Congratulations and best wishes!

Marjorie Laird has announced her engagement to Douglas McDonnell. They plan to wed November 29 and make their home in Alameda.

Richmond. The wedding of Betty Jean Holland to George Rogers Anderson was held at the Richmond Ward Recreation Hall August 6. Ceremony was by Bishop Carmen. August 16 they had their temple marriage in Salt Lake City. Billie Carman was maid of honor and the best man was Gail Giffort.

Balboa Ward. Miss Jean Ellen Breckon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John O. Breckon, announced September 3 as her marriage date. The groom is Douglas Gordon, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Gordon. They were married in the Salt Lake Temple. After their honeymoon, they will return to San Francisco. A reception will be held following their return.

Berkeley Wards. Two beautiful receptions were held for two of our beautiful young ladies, Carolyn Johnson and Leanore Ream. Carolyn wed Dr. Harold E. De La Mare August 13 and had the reception at the LDS Institute in Berkeley August 27, while Lenore wed Raymond M. Robinson August 20 and held her reception at the Dr. Ream home August 24. Both marriages were solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple.

San Francisco Stake. A great many friends gathered at the Harold Hickenlooper residence August 19 when open house was held to honor Monte Hickenlooper and his bride the former Sue Nelson of Seattle. Monte and Sue were married in the Salt Lake Temple August 12 and the same evening a reception was held at the Ben Broadbent home in Salt Lake City. Their next stop was in Seattle where Sue's parents, Commander and Mrs. Frank Nelson held a reception. The Harold Hickenloopers and their daughter, Dawn, accompanied Monte to Salt Lake City for the wedding; Dawn went on to Seattle with the Nelson family for their festivities. Monte and Sue will make their home for the time being in Salt Lake City where Sue is connected with the music department of the city schools while Monte will attend the University of Utah.

Only a few weeks ago Ray Williams returned from a Mission to France. This month he was put on the Stake MIA board and on September 2, in the Salt Lake Temple he will be married to lovely Beverly Thomas. Following a brief honeymoon a reception will be held in the Stake House. Both Beverly and Ray are members of Balboa Ward.

Alameda. Lorraine Brake is to become the bride of Ernest Conrad in the Salt Lake Temple in September. A bridal shower was given for Lorraine August 18 in the Bangerter home in Alameda. Both these people are converts and are very active in Church matters.

Berkeley Second. Carolyn Huish Johnson to Harold Elison De La Mare in the Salt Lake City Temple, August 13. Reception was held at the Institute of Religion the 27 of August.

Lenore Ream to Raymond Morgan Robinson in the Salt Lake Temple, August 20. Reception was held at the home of the bride's parents ,Dr. and Mrs. Douglas Ream, August 24.

Births

Castro Valley. Congratulations are in order for Dr. and Sister Rodney Palmer on the birth of a fine baby girl.

Pleasant Hills. Those who knew Keith and Carol Oakes, formerly of Pleasant Hills Ward will be happy to learn that Christien has become big sister to little Cynthia who was born in Logan August 4, weighing in at 7 lbs. 9½ oz.

Maxwell Park. Bishop and Mary Bybee of Maxwell Park Ward are to be congratulated on their new family addition—a baby boy born July 19.

Richmond Ward. To Shirley and Rulon Cox a boy, born August 14.

San Francisco Stake. Wonderful news comes from Wallace and Theda Bennett: On July 26 a son was born to them. Little Douglas Foster Bennett weighed 7 lbs. and 9 oz. Reports are that he and his lovely mother are doing very well. The Bennetts will visit here near the end of September for a few days.

Berkeley Second Ward. Douglas Lloyd Spencer born July 19, 10 lbs. Proud parents, Anna Lea and Glenn Spencer; score to date, three boys and one girl.

Hulme, born August 13, 8 lbs. 2 oz. This makes a third son for Barbara and David Hulme.

Richard Glenn, born July 26, 9 lbs. 4 oz., to June and Hal Glenn, making three boys and a girl.

Centerville Branch. The Francis Winkels have rejoiced in the arrival of a sweet little boy in their home and the Jay Jibsons are likewise delighted in the safe coming of a darling baby boy.

Walnut Creek. A little red-head has been added to the Don Jukes family; Thomas A., born June 5 very welcome.

Concord. Glenn Hill, boy; Margaret Girard, girl; Jack Roskelley, boy; John Spuhlers, girl; Rudolph Coffing, boy; Walter Lee, boy.

SHOWERS

Castro Valley. A lovely shower was given for Hertha Tanner at the home of Vera Crockett on August 13. There were 22 friends present and Hertha received many lovely gifts for the baby-to-be.

Santa Rosa. A baby shower for Lois Magowan was given recently at the home of Jeanne Allen. Those participating in the fun were Mary Crockett, Ena Squires, Edwinna Moss, Rhoda Orcutt, Marilyn Sodeequist, Minnie Lawler, Martha Fisher, Maude Brisco, Lois Kenworthy, Donna Cook and the honored guest.

Maxwell Park. Arlene Woods was honored at a special Fireside recently and presented with a gift by her friends, something to remember them by while she spends the next two or three years in Newfoundland.

Margie Shaw was the hostess at a shower given recently for her sister-in-law, Marilyn Judson of Maxwell Park. Sid and Marilyn have been visiting here while Sid is on leave from his base in Arizona.

Ardelle Woods was the hostess at a baby shower given for Iona Eelsing. Both are from Maxwell Park.

Concord and Martinez. A baby shower was given in honor of the Steve Abbot's coming event. It was held at the Grant Shaw residence and was given by Jessie Shaw and Genieve James. The evening was spent in sewing; a lovely lunch was served.

A surprise party in honor of Melba Hill was given by June Spears at Jean Walker's. The table was centered with a stork and beautiful summer flowers. The evening was spent sewing quilt blocks; for the wee one a new quilt.

A baby shower was given at Jean Drumilers in honor of Byron Cornell Skidmore. Not often is the honored guest there in person. He was too young to give the guests too much of his attention but was very pleased with the lovely suits and shirts bestowed upon him.

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BERKELEY STAKE

BERKELEY STAKE MIA NEWS

Stake Junior M Men and Junior Gleaners gathered at Live Oak park between sessions of the quarterly conference on Sunday, August 31. They ate their lunches together and discussed problems of spiritual growth. This idea of the youth of the Church getting together on such occasions is an excellent one. It fosters a spiritual brotherhood, friendships and truly wholesome associations. Boyd Eskridge and Miriam Ellsworth, Stake Mutual leaders participated in the affair.

Boyd and Beth Eskridge are the usual proud parents of a fine boy born last month. Boyd is Stake YMMIA Junior M Men leader and says its not too early to enroll the boy in Mutual, except, of course there is the little problem of learning to walk, talk and certain other fundamentals. He states that the boy is very bright, but he doesn't want to push him too fast.

"READ TRUTH—NOT TRASH"

"Read Truth—Not Trash!" is the battle cry of the Mutual Improvement Associations throughout the Church as they prepare for the 1952-53 Improvement Era campaign, starting Sunday, October 12.

GIRLS WIN SPECIAL AWARDS

Eighty-three Berkeley Stake girls and 12 YWMIA leaders have earned individual awards for accomplishments during the Mutual year of 1951-52 in the Berkeley Stake, it was announced by Maxine Wilson, Stake YWMIA attendance secretary.

This represents 38 percent of the total enrolled girls between the ages of 12 and 18 years.

Girls who will receive honors are:

Berkeley, First Ward: Gayle Anderson, Sonya Evans, Delores Chase, Karen Jarman, Yvonne Johnson, Mary Kenner, Carolyn Brady, Virginia Chase, Cheryl Johnson, Joan Sabine, Vilate Gardner, Julia Harmon and Judith Odell.

Berkeley Second Ward—Sharon Larson, Ruby Jo Jarvies, Kay Franz, Janet Jensen, Joy Aschmann, Joanne Briggs, Carol Thulin, Barbara Beckett, Mary Aschmann and Carrol Larson.

Claremont Ward—Carol Stoddard, Janelle Carr, Janet Ellsworth, Jeanne Reiche, Mildred Anderson, La Prele Badouin Mary Ellen Carr and Enid Wood.

East Richmond—Juday Carman, Carolyn Taylor, Janae Bledsoe, Bonnie Clark, Mila Rae Larson, Meredith Lundburg, Pauline Taylor, Janice Kaufman, Diana Madsen and Dolores Peake.

Martinez Ward—Marrilyn Evenson, Jean Cook, Sharon Lee, Berma Polson, Jackie Hughes, Carla Polson and Sandra Parker.

Pittsburg Ward—Betty Rene Hunt, Gayle Gibbs, Betty Hewett, Bonnie Sue Davis, Evelyn Hood, Ruehl Barton, Marlene Roche, Shirley Gibbs Magleby and Maurine Wells.

Richmond Ward—Naoma Johnson, Lorese Thomson, Diane Kirkwood, Camille Swenson, Betty Holland, Billie Kirkwood and Diane Swenson.

Rodeo Branch—Arnie Lane, Rose Mary Lewis, Mary Storm, Elmae Lane, Geraldine Wanless, Virginia Kersey ,Marilyn Kersey, Doris Lott, Dorothy North, Dorothy Wanless and Constance Storm.

Walnut Creek Ward—Diane Byrnes, Helen Snel, Joyce Morgan, Linda Uffans, Janet Green, Joyce Johnson, Lorraine Lambert and Myrna Morgan.

Ward Leaders who will receive awards include:

Viola Roche, Mildred Gibbs, Lenna Searson, Myrna Carroll, Margaret Furnell and Monica Staley, all of Pittsburg ward; Donna Tepples of Richmond ward; Adrienne Fails and Elsie Smith of Rodeo Branch and in Walnut Creek, Ione Biskirk, Elaine Jensen and Virginia Uffens qualified for the special individual wards.

BERKELEY SECOND WARD

Scouts Aid Defense Drill

By ANNA LEA SPENCER.

Sorry folks not to have said "hello" last month but you see by the birth column that yours truly was busy over at Alta Bates greeting her new son. Happy to say, "we're all fine!"

We're happy to learn that **Hazel and Russell Ball** have bought a home on Key Route in our Ward, also with Price, Keith and Judy. Hazel is Dick Owens' sister; Russell is our editor's son. We'll enjoy Hazel's singing again.

We're happy to have **Peggy Flamm** and her husband back after being away two years.

Have you met **Lois Olson,** Vern Olson's sister, who has just returned from a Swedish mission? Welcome Lois.

Welcome to **Phyllis** and **Rex Daniels** and daughter **Karen.**

Enid and Delmar Young, we're happy to have you join us; we enjoy Enid's golden voice.

We are proud of our **Boy Scouts** who had a big part in Bay Area defense drill. Two of the four troops used were Mormon troops 18 and 8. These boys were activated for civil defense, manned three messenger-courier details and acted as map room orderlies at the State civil defense control center in the East Bay hills during this week-end's joint defense exercises. Those helping were Edward Hadley, Arthur Hopkins, Jr., Richard Jenson, Frank Meredith, David Owens, David Reams, Eldon Ream, and Charles Rose.

The Pine Tree Patrol and their Dads took an overnight camping trip on Mt. Talmapais the first week in September.

Sorry to learn that our Sunday School organist has been so ill. . . **Dorrain Thulin** would like to hear from her friends: mail may be addressed to The Alum Rock Sanitarium and Rest Home, San Jose, California.

The State Missionaries report excellent progress and that two new Elders have been called into the field, Leon Barker and C. Woodrow Bates.

Jack Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Smith, has returned from the Canadian Mission looking in fine fettle and spirit. He was welcomed home immediately by a recognition of his presence by the bishops of both the Berkeley wards, since Jack left before the division of the eBrkeley stake. He has also spoken before each ward, reporting his labors.

Jack attended the young people's Fireside at the home of the Clawsons on Barbara Road, Berkeley, August 3 and received another welcome.

When asked what he had in mind for employment ,we learned that Jack has become associated with his father, Jesse Smith, in his Mimeograph and business service in San Francisco. Jack has had advertising experience.

Forest Ream was seen at the ward Sacrament and Sunday School sessions Sunday, August 3.

Robert Lindblad and Carrol Larsen have announced their coming marriage in the Salt Lake Temple on September 23 with a reception September 25 at 2182 Berkeley Street, in the city of the Saints. An open house for the couple will be held at the Lindblad home, 956 Arlington, Berkeley, Sunday, September 14.

Rodeo Branch News

By MARGIE HAYDEN.

Former Branch President, Jack Binkerd, visited the branch recently. He is on his way to Okinawa for 18 months with the Air Force.

Rodger Anderson, who was first counselor to our Sunday School superintendent, was married recently and moved to Richmond. Malcom Davis has been appointed to succeed him.

Mayteel Fedash is our first Sunday School Librarian.

Bill Littlejohn, a recent convert, is now in the presidency of the Young Men's Mutual. Charles Waite moved away and was released.

The Primary's August Sunday night meeting had to be postponed because of illnesses and absences. This important meeting will be given at a later date.

A good MIA summer recreational program has been provided for our young people. One of the latest excursions was a swimming party at a Richmond Pool with a picnic supper.

Phil Lewis has put forth a lot of effort to see that we have an opportunity to participate in group canning of apples. More to come.

The Relief Society and some of our young people worked canning pears one day for the Welfare. They put in a good day's work there.

WALNUT CREEK

Primary In The Pool

By VIRGINIA UFFENS.

This has been a most busy month for "Walnut Creekers." Vacations, parties and "such like."

The Primary has been "dunking" its charges few at a time in the pool at Beth Chamberlain's lovely home. Enjoying themselves were Geneve Scott's Zion No. 2 class, with a picnic lunch afterwards, and Dorothea Marker's Group Two. Helping were Louise Clayton, Corrie Snel, Maxine Clark and Virginia Macey.

Sorry to lose the David Claytons from our area. They are going to Montana where David becomes a general agent for Beneficial Life Insurance Company.

The Officers' Club on Treasure Island was the setting for a very gala party July 22, celebrating the birthday of Harold Clark, and the wedding anniversary of another couple. Thirty-five attended. Blanche Cherrington's Special Interest class of the MIA directed the affair.

Guess who is the **champion ballplayers,** Walnut Creek or Pleasant Hills Wards? Were you out to root or play?

The Relief Society's luncheon at the home of Sister Ranker was one of the big events of the summer months. Good work, all you ladies of the ward.

The MIA Maid Class with the Air Explorers had a swimming party at Diablo Union Pool, August 16, then on Mt. Diablo roasted weenies and ate cold watermelon. Anne Lee Smith and Helene Snel made the plans for the outing.

The Rankers have had their daughter, Jean Gardner and her child from Cambridge, Mass., with them a full month.

The Bishop's Wife, Francelle Larsen, directs the Singing Mothers' Group who sang at Quarterly Conference. One of the numbers was her original composition.

Welcome from vacations, everyone. Now we can really expect some action. Yes?

Richmond Ward News

Ah! Repaint Chapel

By Lucile Stump.

Starting September 1, Sunday School will be held at 10 a.m. and Sacrament meetings at 5 p.m. The other organizations will not change this year.

During July our church was almost completely painted inside and out. Everyone available turned out to help. Our drapes are to be made soon. This will practivally complete the project. Thanks to W. Deloy Smith, especially, for the long hours he put in, despite the exams for which he should have been studying.

Our group canning is a great success. Thanks to Bishop and Sister Carman of Richmond Ward.

Wednesday, August 13 the Relief Society, under the direction of Bernice Lu, GarDuOlson and Oga Smith, gave us a lovely musical afternoon. A piano solo was given by Carolyn Taylor of East Richmond Ward, a short biography of Tschaikowsky by Sister Anderson, and then some of this composer's records were played. Melon was served afterwards.

Sunday August 3 was Primary Family Night. A lovely program was given in which the Hatt family demonstrated what the Primary does for the LDS family. The class work done the previous year was on exhibition.

The summer project for the homebuilder groups (Lark and Bluebirds) is the making of a quilt for the Children's Hospital at Salt Lake. The Relief Society will quilt it the second week in September.

Sunday, August 17 was graduation night for the Guides, into Priesthood. Those graduating were Ralph Gorkman, Larry Young, Patrick Flemming, and Ronald Hatt.

The Summer Program for the MIA has mainly been picnics, swimming, and watermelon busts. They plan to wind up the season with weiner roasts and swimming party the last week in August.

CONCORD WARD NEWS

MIA Farm Bureau Hall

By MAY ARNOLD.

Bishop's Message: Parents are legally responsible for the acts of their children. To what extent shall parents be held accountable for failing to give their children opportunity to develop spiritually, mentally and physically to the greatest degree possible?

Generally parents are fulfilling the basic needs of providing food, clothing, housing and schooling. But are we LDS parents doing all within our power to train our children on the high moral and spiritual level required by Gospel standards?

Your bishopric and the officers and teachers of the ward can help you fulfill this responsibility to your children. But they cannot teach a child when it is absent from Sunday School, Mutual or Primary. If you BRING your children to church, you may be surprised how much one can help oneself while trying to help others.—Ira J. Markham.

Two new Elders are laboring in the Concord area: Elders Gene Christy and Spencer Peterson. We are thankful for their presence in Concord and wish them every success.

Six small new members were blessed August 3 in Sacrament meeting and five new ones entered the world during the week of August 11. Zion is truly growing.

John and David Wyzard were baptized and confirmed members of the Church this month. John was made a deacon along with Willis Arthur.

We welcome the Rudolph Coffing family. May they find happiness here. Brother Coffing has charge of our "Popular Dance Orchestra."

The Music Department is happy to announce that a chorister class is being formed. Those interested in this or any musical work should contact Sister Gertha Brown. Come and have fun learning to direct singing.

Relief Society held their monthly meeting Thursday night, August 14 at the home of Alice Hanson. Twenty-six members enjoyed a delightful evening of sewing and friendship. All cordially invited to Relief Society.

The Farm Bureau Hall will house Mutual each Thursday evening throughout the coming season.

The Bee Hives and MIA Maids enjoyed stake camping parties: the Bee Hives on August 22 and 23 and the MIA Maids on September 5 and 6.

The Primary held their annual "family night" Sunday evening, August 3. The visiting Stake Board member, Sister Joy Criddle, pleased all with her message. The Primary welcomes two new teachers: Kay Hokanson and Marjorie Mulmberg.

MARTINEZ WARD

Auxiliaries Do Things

PRIMARY NEWS

Everyone is invited to the Primary Fall Festival Friday, September 12, for a display of crafts and activities relating to the summer program. The older classes have been studying the "Book of Mormon" stories. The younger classes will give a play "Cinderella" and some selections with their Rhythm Band conducted by Berma Polson. The Primary is grateful for extra help this summer: Jean Cook as organist and Genieve James, Edna Korth and Joan Duke. Leona Owens, our Librarian, has been busy building up our Visual Aid Library.

MIA

The Martinez Mutuals are beginning to get over the shock of losing the young people who are now in the Concord Ward.

The MIA Maids have asked for a full-fledged Cottage Meeting. This class will be conducted under the direction of the missionaries beginning just as soon as all the girls are back from their vacations.

The Folk Dancing Classes held every Tuesday night have been a huge success, thanks to Elinor Vom Dorp, who has been teaching many new and interesting dances to the group.

Sister Bullough, our dance director has been called out of town because of illness of her mother. and Elinor Vom Dorp has taken over as dance director.

Sister Hughes has returned from Susanville where her son, Ronald, had been ill with blood poisoning as a result of running a hay fork into his leg.

Sister Mosier and Sister Hughes gave a hobo party for the Bee Hive girls last Wednesday night. A delicious hobo stew was cooked over the campfire and eaten by the light of the camp fire. This was followed by a slumber party.

Berkeley Stake Activity Calendar

1952-53

SEPTEMBER

Fri. 12—Stake Fathers' and Sons' Outing
Sat. 13—Stake Fathers' and Sons' Outing
Sat. 27—M Men and Gleaners Opening Dance
Berkeley Recreation Hall ..... 9 p.m.

OCTOBER

Mon. 6—Stake M Men Basketball starts (see basketball schedule).....
(And every Monday thereafter)
Fri. 10—Berkeley Second Ward Carnival
Berkeley Recreation Hall
Sat. 11—Berkeley Second Ward Carnival
Berkeley Recreation Hall
Sun. 12—ERA WEEK BEGINS All Wards (Churchwide)
Tues. 14—ERA WEEK SPECIAL PROGRAMS
All Wards (Churchwide) ..... 7:30 p.m.
Tues. 21—"MEET ME AT MUTUAL" night
All Wards (Churchwide) ..... 7:30 p.m.
Fri. 24—Genealogical Society Dinner
Berkeley Recreation Hall
Sat. 25—High Priests' Party Berkeley Recreation Hall

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NAPA WARD NEWS

Welfare Fruit, Chapel Fund Grow

CHAPEL BUILING FUND

Brother Thomas C. Auger, head of the ward finance committee, reports steady progress in the raising of the money to build the ward chapel, which will, incidentally, be the most impressive church building in Napa county.

Brother Auger said the recent rummage sale brought a total of over $300 into the fund. Many townspeople, non-members as well as members, aided in the sale preparations.

Napa Ward invites all Church members to visit the beautiful Alta Heights site of the chapel, and share the thrill of anticipation which is felt.

The finance committee is working steadily on plans to royally entertain all comers as the Carnival at the Napa Fair Grounds gets under way September 24, 25 and 26. Plan now to be in attendance.

WELFARE FARM WORK

Harvest of the prunes on the ward welfare farm got underway Saturday, August 23 and will be entirely completed within a few days, according to Rex Candland, supervising member of the bishopric.

Prune quality is up compared to last year but yield is down, according to Del Norlund, Farm work director.

GRANDCHILD A BOY

Your reporter hereby apologizes to President Murdock and his family. The first grandchild of the Murdocks is a boy, not a girl, as I reported last month.

MOVING INTO TOWN

Reversing the trend as reported by national surveys, members of the Napa ward are moving into town from their rural homes. Now enjoying new homes within the city limits are the families of Fred Reeder and Merrill Francom.

Both families are very active in ward affairs; the move to town was undertaken in an effort to cut down the mileage on the family car.

The families hoped to be next door neighbors to each other, but proved impossible. Both new homes, however, are in the west central part of the city, which will undoubtedly make it easier for Charlotte Francom and Betty Reeder to enjoy each other's company.

Lakeport Branch

Many New Faces; Bazaar Now Set

By MAUDE PEARSON.

President Pearson's Message:— "For brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but serve one another.

"For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even this: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thy self." Galatians 5:13-14. — Leith Pearson.

New Chorister. Welcome to our new chorister, Diane Swenson. Bro. Teschler, who has done such a good work in the music for so long, was released to devote his time to his position as second counselor.

A food sale is being put on by the Relief Society as part of their regular quarterly activity in this line.

Many new faces are seen in the meetings lately. Some new members ,some visitors. Welcome and come often.

Branch Conference was held August 24. Lunch was served by the Primary. Primary and Relief Society Conferences had been held the previous Tuesday with a luncheon served by the Relief Society with Sister Teschler in charge.

Plans for a bazaar and rummage sale and probably for another food sale are in the making for early November by the Relief Society.

The Elders are still busy with their welfare project. It appears this will be a busy winter for everyone. Bye.

Fairfield Br. News

By MARVINE HILDEBRAND.

Branch Presidency Message

Your new Branch Presidency wishes to thank all the members of the Fairfield Branch for their sustaining vote, in our recent callings, as the presidents, of our Fairfield Branch.

We humbly solicit the continued spirit of cooperation and unity that has prevailed in the past and promise that under the Divine guidance and counsel of the Santa Rosa Stake Presidency and High Council, God's work will go forward in a pleasing manner, in this part of the vineyard

Our Elder's group is looking for a money raising project to help build up our chapel fund. We understand from our capable group leader, George Herron, that he has a number of good painters who desire a house painting project. Anyone that knows of any prospects along this line, please phone George at 73-R-2.

May the Lord continue to bless us with the desire to magnify our callings here in mortality. So that we may all be able to pick roses together in the Celestial Kingdom. — Stewart C. Mitchell, Branch President.

Alden Blaisdell was recently released from the branch presidency after seven years of faithful and devoted service. The branch members gave a potluck dinner in his honor on Wednesday, August 20 at the Fireman's hall in Suisun. The new branch presidency comprises Stewart Mitchell, president; Grant Bleazard, first counselor; Harold Hegyessy, second counselor. Later Brother Hegyessy received military orders to go to Texas where he attends a special school for officers, he being a major in the air force. A surprise farewell party was given for the Hegyessys by branch members before they left for their new post, via Salt Lake City.

Relief Society: — Sister Vera Mitchell has been called by the Stake Relief Society to serve on another stake board as visiting teacher topic leader. She was released as president of the Branch Relief Society with a vote of thanks. Sister Mable Hardy is the new president. She has chosen for her counselors Sisters Joy Wyatt and Eunice Cadwallender; Beverly Murray is the new secretary.

The October work meeting will be devoted to a bazaar shower. All bazaar donations will be appreciated at that time.

MIA.—This summer the MIA has been busy with special events and parties. The sisters in the Special Interest Class gave a garden party and chicken dinner for the men at the home of Bro. and Sis. Stewart Mitchell. After dinner the group played "Run, Sheep, Run." The gentlemen in the Special Interest Class returned the favor by taking the ladies to Sacramento to see "Blossom Time." Those who attended the operetta were: Otto Mathews, Sandra Shields, Cecil Cowley, Dion Fowles, Helen Allen, Mr. and Mrs. George Herron, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hegyessy, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Wallis, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Hildebrand, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Bleazard, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Mitchell and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hunter.

The MIA also had a skating party in August at the Suisun skating rink. There will be an opening social for the Mutual on September 2. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be entertainment, dancing and fun for all.

Sunday School. — The second Intermediate class enjoyed a picnic at Blue Rock Springs Park in Vallejo Saturday, August 16 under the supervision of Dion Fowles.

Sister Lola Herron is the new Gospel Doctrine Class teacher in Sunday School and Paul Murray has replaced Dorothy Blaisdell as chorister. Sister Blaisdell was released with hearty thanks for her services both as chorister and teacher of the second Intermediate class.

Primary—Dorothy Blaisdell is the new president of the Fairfield Primary. She has chosen as her counselors LaVaun Allen and Beverly Murray. Lois Hunter is teacher instructor. Other officers are: Secretary, Beulah Mathews; Chorister, Adrienne Wallis; organist, Marsha Blaisdell; Trailbuilders, Sisters Umberger and Janice White; Homebuilder, Renee Walkinhorst; Zion's Boys and Girls, Kathy Bovee; Group 2, Wanda Virden; Group 1, Mary Bleazard; Nursery, Ramona Campbell. The Primary Class had a pioneer party on July 24. They played games and had popsickles.

Alden and Dorothy Blaisdell returned recently from a trip to the Grand Canyon and Zion National Park. They also visited the St. George Temple.

Santa Rosa Ward

Girls' Summeree

By IMOGENE ALLEN.

A recent MIA Institute was held in San Francisco involving six stakes. Many stake leaders, bishops, stake presidencies, and High Council advisers received a newer understanding of MIA.

Twenty-two members of the general board from Salt Lake were present, including President Bertha S. Reeder of the YWMIA, and A. Walter Stevenson, assistant to Supt. Elbert R. Curtis of the YMMIA.

....Every department in the Mutual had an expert leader with instructions, whose aim was "the building of strong individual testimonies in the hearts of every young person through spiritualized recreation."

Those attending from Santa Rosa were President Thomas C. Byrne of the Stake Presidency, Ronald Cheney, Mutual advisor from the High Council, Bishop Cloyd R. Moss, Naaome Cheney, Rhoda Orcutt and Imogene Allen of the YWMIA Presidency.

President John L. Murdock and Howard Hacking of the High Council were recent speakers at Sacrament Meeting. Sisters Murdock and Hacking and Pres. Murdock's daughter, Maryanne Mendenhall and small son, also attended. Mrs. Mendenhall rendered a vocal solo accompanied at the piano by her mother.

Jay Lund has been sustained manual counselor in the YMMIA and William Soderquist, activity counselor.

Qwvene Vaughn has been sustained secretary of the Primary and Venita Bascom, a teacher.

The Primary Association presented an inspiring Sunday evening service on the 3rd of August. Those participating were: Louise Olsen, Erma Tuft, Mary Crockett, Don Crockett Sr., and son, Judy Sindel, Venita Bascom, Mark Cheney, Jerry Tuft, Florence Hall, and Craig Braford. Sister Hazel Candland presided; Ella Mae Conway conducted. A display of the year's activities were presented in the recreation hall.

The "Dime a Dip" dinner sponsored by the Relief Society to raise funds for the purchase of a new sewing machine proved very enjoyable and successful.

The Youth Choir with their director, Maude Brisco enjoyed an evening of swimming, games and all kinds of wonderful food at a nearby summer resort.

The Stake Beehive Summeree at Willits included the following girls: Judy Hall, Carolyn Olsen, LaVon Cheney, Dianne Aaron, Lawler, Darlene Moss, Elizabeth Wilson, Judy Hatch, Jackie Slaughter; and Geraldine Kirkman and Lois Kirkland from Petaluma. They spent three days of camping out, horseback riding, hiking and all the things such an occasion offers. Mrs. Marilyn Soderquist, ward YWMIA president, and Mrs. Louise Olsen, Beehive teacher, accompanied the girls.

Mrs. Lucille S. Tracy and daughter Norlyn Piquet gave an interesting biography of President Lorenzo Snow, father of Mrs. Tracy, at a recent ladies gathering at the home of Mrs. Ronald Cheney.

Pittsburg Ward

By THORA ASTLE

Potluck For Chapel Dollars

Although a great deal of progress has been made on the Pittsburg Chapel, much is left in the way of work and fund raising. To help accomplish the latter the MIA will give a potluck dinner on August 23 at 6 p.m. at the chapel. Their dinner last year for this purpose was a great success because of the cooperation of the members of the ward. It is hoped that this year will see the repetition of that success.

Newcomers to our Ward are Bro. and Sis. Dick Thurston and family, recent converts to the Church. Bro. Thurston is the possessor of a very fine tenor voice, a welcome addition to our ward choir. We are happy to have them with us .

Summer vacationists are: Bishop Astle and family, who recently returned from a tour of Grand Canyon; the J. Harold Maglebys Jr. and Sis. Burns Magleby and children, who spent a week in Utah visiting with relatives and Sis. Robert Gates, who is attending the wedding of her sisters in Utah.

Of interest to the ward is the announcement that Mrs. Ray Webb (our Carol Clayton) and Webb (our Carol Clayton and now living in Oregon) has a fine

Concord and Martinez

By Netta C. Skidmore

Bishop Evenson and his wife were called out of town because of the sudden death of Berta's mother, Sister Fawn Woolley of Los Angeles. All who knew her loved her. We will miss her visits in Martinez.

Brother and Sister Cook and family had to rush to Utah suddenly. Ellen's father, Brother Rich, died from an accident. Brother Rich was President of the Canadian Mission about fourteen years ago and was always a much-loved man.

The little Carlson girl from Concord, who has been suffering from leukemia has passed to be with her Heavenly Father.

Since the Concord Ward has organized we have really increased in number. The latest count that Bishop Markham has is 418; we were 276. Five more babies born this week!

Orinda Branch News

The Orinda Branch enjoyed its first social since its organization on Friday evening August 22 at the lovely home of Sam and Mary Scott.

A delightful musical evening consisted of piano selections by Nico Snell of Walnut Creek; violin selections by Nico Snell, Jr., accompanied by his father; and several vocal duets in the romantic mood by Blaine and Ruth Wilson of Oakland Stake.

Refreshments were served on the spacious patio of the Scott home to conclude a most enjoyable evening. Special guests were Bishop and Mrs. Larsen from Walnut Creek.

Berkeley Stake News

By ANNALEONE D. PATTON.

RELIEF SOCIETY

Early in September the Stake Relief Society Board entertained the Ward presidents and counselors at a luncheon and program at the Berkeley Stake Chapel.

Friday, September 5 the Stake Board held the regular preparation meeting at Berkeley Stake Chapel. The visiting teachers of all wards were special guests at this meeting.

Berkeley Second Ward has organized its Relief Society presidency. Helen Jensen becomes president with Ann Crockell and Janet Baumforth as counselors.

PRIMARY

The Berkeley Stake Primary Board will hold the first Stake preparation meeting September 19th.

Centerville News

The Relief Society sewing day for August was held at the Cecil Truscotts in Newark with 16 adults and 12 children present. Enjoyed were luncheon and an artistic demonstration of cake decorating given by Leona Webb. Lydia Millet came with Sister Webb and assisted.

Another demonstration was in picture making, conducted by Farrell Pugmire and Isabell Exborrow.

Our rummage sale August 20 and 21 was a success, thanks to all who contributed. At our next sewing day, Wednesday, September 10, all the families in the branch will come to the IOOF hall in Irvington for an evening meal. Needle work and children's clothes will be sold.

Hayward Ward News

(Continued from page 2)

service. Sister Paine is the daughter-in-law to Cornelius Paine of the C. V. ward. She was brought into the Church by the fulltime missionaries, Elders Mason and Terry.

Once more the General Authorities have brought to our minds the fact that we are all advised to have a year's supply on hand of all the things that we use so that when if it does come to us, the war or other calamity will find us at least partly prepared. This is just as much a revelation as any that appear in the Doctrine and Covenants. The Father has told us very plainly that "Surely the Lord God will do nothing saveth He reveals it unto his servants the Prophets."

H. S. Second Season

(Continued from page one)

within the last two years, the Church has established more than 50 of these secondary classes, teaching not only Old and New Testament but Church history and Church doctrine. These classes also meet five days a week during the school term at seven a.m.

Director Kenner stated recently that he hopes to see this seminary work extended in the next year or two to the San Francisco, the Palo Alto and the Santa Rosa stakes. Those interested in these three stakes in this excellent movement for our high school boys and girls should write to the Church Director of Education, Frank West at 47 East South Temple, Salt Lake City and also to R. Lee Kenner, 2368 Le Conte, and, of course, to their respective stake presidents.

Berkeley First Ward

The First Elders Quorum has won universal commendation for their artistic rejuvenation of the Berkeley chapel patio. Working long and late these men, led by their presidency Phil Squires, Weston Seegmiller, Don Pack and Sam Doxey ,secretary, and helped by Dean Price and Woody Bates in the designing, have put down a solid four inch concrete base.

Berkeley First ward joined the stake in honoring Mr. and Mrs. Isaac B. Ball in their golden wedding anniversary reception held in the ward chapel Wednesday, September 3. The figures 1902-1952 spelled out the dates of the 50 years of wedded life for Isaac B. and Rachel Hodgson Ball, who were married in the Salt Lake Temple September 3, 1902.

Dick Baer, son of Ted and Mavis Baer, is spending the early part of a homesick two years in the Air Force at Clark's Field, the Philippines.

Denzel Allen, Sr., hopes to be home soon after the tenth of September from the Hawaiian Islands where he has been working as expert chemist in the canning operations of his company, the famous Cal-Pak.

The Nate Tolmans returned in late August from an extended auto trip that took them as far as Texas, Florida, New York and Vermont. They visited their daughter, Marjorie Magill, in New York City, and their two sons, Grant and Reed at Fort Worth, Texas

MIA officers for 1952-53 will be: YLMIA president, Roma Sabine; Manual Counselor, Coleen Clark; Activity Counselor, Laura Summerhays; Secretary, Carolyn De La Mar. YMMIA president, Ken Sheppard; Manual Counselor, Harold De La Mar; Activity Counselor, Jack Smith; Secretary, Fred Commandant.

YLMIA Board: Charmaine Guthrie, Assistant Activity Counselor, Eva Harker; Assistant Special Interest; Peggy Flamm, Gleaners; Verda Johnson, Junior Gleaners; Thelma Ashley, MIA Maids; Ruby Miller, First Year Beehives and her assistant, Miriam Osmond; Mary Rose Dunham, Second Year Beehive; Pat Paterson, Attendance Secretary; Barbara Pimentel, Speech Director; Enid Young, Music; Martha Braby, organist; Margaret Kimber, Drama; Assistant Drama, Winona Sarr; Rhean Harker, Dance.

YMMIA Board, Gordon Langlois, Special Interest; Del Rock Jr., M Men; James Ralph Thomas, Explorer Advisor; Ray Thompson, assistant Explorer Advisor; Wm. Cain, Scoutmaster; Bob Johnson, Assistant Scoutmaster; LeRoi B. Gardner, Era Director.

The new Primary officers are: Laurel Fullmer, President; Marjorie Henderson, First Counselor; Gwen Squires, Second Counselor; Hermese Ogden, Secretary First Ward; Margaret Thompson, Secretary, Second Ward.

In the Senior Softball regional, finals Berkeley stake was eliminated in the first paired games; Oakland ward was the runner-up, but Carmichel ward, Sacramento Stake again went to Salt Lake City to represent this region.

The Junior Softball Church League sectional playoffs occured in San Jose, Saturday, August 28, when Gridley, Santa Rosa, Berkeley and Palo Alto stakes met with the following results: Napa, first; Berkeley, second.

PLEASANT HILL NEWS

Our Church Really Provides

By DOROTHY MATTHEWS.

Bishop's Message: We are blessed with a Church which provides opportunities for all phases of living.

The Priesthood provides authority to perform ordinances in God's name. Our Sunday School and Sacrament meetings provide Gospel study and inspiration; our Mutual Improvement Association a variety of social and recreational activities; our Primary aids in teaching our children. Our Relief Society provides a program of study and service which combined with our Welfare plan cares for the needy, our Temples provide opportunity for the highest and most sacred ordinances available on earth to prepare us for entrance back into the presence of God.

We invite each member of the ward or interested friend to join in our activities. May we each fully appreciate the wonderful program available to us.—Joseph Roy Hilton.

Relief Society. A vote of thanks to Alice Curtis who has been acting as first counselor in our Relief Society. Our presidency is once again organized with Maurine Corbridge, president; Lela Koffman, first counselor; Ellen Swayze, second counselor; Evelyn Shea, secretary.

Our Summer work meetings are being devoted to bazaar materials for the fall. We are meeting the third Thursday of each month.

Primary. Trail Builder Boys were first this summer to enjoy swimming at Dave Chamberlin's pool. Last week Home Builders, Zion's Groups and Group 2 enjoyed after-Primary parties there. We are deeply grateful to the Chamberlin family for sharing their fine home and pool to provide this wonderful sport for the Primary children; also to parents who furnish transportation and to these teachers who carefully planned the activities each week: Florence Cleveland, Maurine Parona, Maxine Clark, Gloria Kimball, Geneveve Sooth, Dorotha Marker, Josephine Monaco.

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Church Wide News

Western Hall of Fame Gets Sculptures; Dormitories, Scholarships At B.Y.U.

● Of interest to Californian youth headed college-ward is the announcement that contracts for a new multi-million dollar Brigham Young University dormitory subdivision was awarded in mid-August. Buildings and furnishings will bring the project to approximately $2,750,000, largest single building program at BYU in all its history.

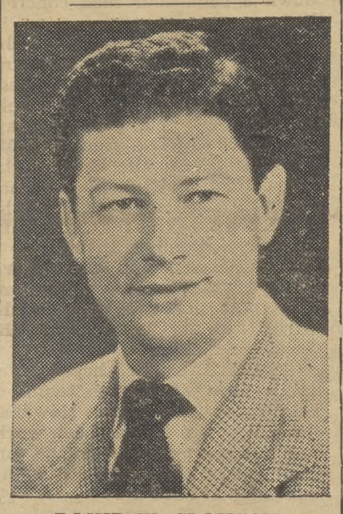
● **A nephew of the late Church president, George Albert Smith, and a grandson of the fourth president of the Church, Wilford W. Woodruff, is the dean of the BYU Graduate School , Asahel D. Woodruff, who currently begins a two-year leave of absence to act as associate director of the United States Human Resources Research Office. Associating in this work with the nation's leading psychologists, Elder Woodruff will direct supervision of research on problems of morale, leadership and training methods in the armed forces. Headquarters will be at the George Washington University, Washington, D. C. Dr. Woodruff's textbook, "The Psychology of Teaching" is widely used.**

● Southern California this summer sees the tenth consecutive summer in which Dr. Reuben D. Law, dean of the Brigham Young University College of Education has made his residence in the Southland while serving as a member of the University of Southern California summer faculty. Each fall, Dr. Law returns to the BYU campus.

● LDS college students who wish to major in education will be interested in five LDS Teaching Scholarships, each being for $200, which have recently been established at the Brigham Young University. Lewis S. Callister, a Salt Lake City attorney, is the donor. Selection of those to receive these scholarships is made from BYU juniors and seniors majoring in education.

● **A Californian, Dr. Kleinsmidt, president-emeritus of the USC was the first to sit for a bronze sculpture to be placed in the Sons of Utah Pioneers, "Western Hall of Fame" in Salt Lake City. The second person to sit for the sculptor, Avard Fairbanks, is the well-known historian, Utah-born Dr. Howard R. Driggs.**

● Word comes that Emma Marr Peterson, wife of Elder Mark E. Peterson will soon provide a third book in her series of story books for young Latter-day Saints. The new title will read, "The History of the Church for Young Latter-day Saints." The first two books are Bible and Book of Mormon stories, and are already in the best seller class among LDS publications.



DAVID W. CLAYTON.

David W. Clayton of Walnut Creek, California, a member of the Charles J. Taylor Agency of the Beneficial Life Insurance Company, has been appointed General Agent at Billings, Montana. Mr. Clayton joined the company in 1948. His new appointment was effective the first of August.

Mr. Clayton is the third General Agent to be appointed from the Charles J. Taylor Agency. The first appointment was Clyde Summerhays, who is now Agency Vice President of the company. The second General Agent to be appointed was Mr. Torgeson, who now is located at Glendale. Martin Robinette, also a former member of the Charles J. Taylor Agency, is now serving as a field supervisor for the company.

Mr. Clayton will be pioneering the territory since this is the first agency the Beneficial Life Insurance Company has established in Montana. The company, at present, operates in ten states and has over a quarter-billion dollars of life insurance in force.

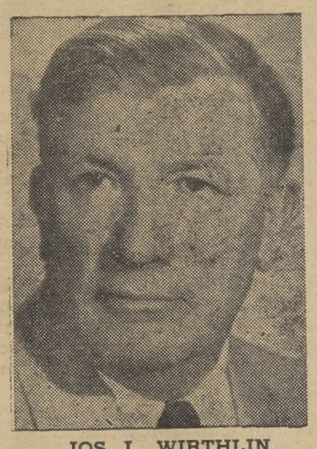
ONE WAY TO PLAY

Tommy and his dad went to the baseball game one afternoon. There his dad complained about the pitcher saying, "Just look at him—why do they ever let a guy like that play?"

"Well, Daddy," piped up Tommy, "Maybe it's his ball."

Church Security Farm Harvests Tomatoes

HENRY D. MOYLE



JOS. L. WIRTHLIN

Henry D. Moyle and Joseph L. Wirthlin together with President Wendell Mendenhall of San Joaquin Stake administer the biggest irrigated property in the history of the Church. The farm, located on the west banks of the Sacramento River east of Woodland, California, is at present only a "security farm," worked entirely by hired help, and all its produce sold on the open market. Its 2300 acres is so large that some of its crops, as rice and grain, are planted by airplane each year, while all its dusting to control pests is likewise done by airplane.

Ten Reasons Why Every Boy Should Swear Just As Often and As Hard As He Can

(From YMCA SONG BOOK).

1. Because it is such an elegant way of expressing one's thoughts.
2. Because it is such a conclusive proof of taste and good breeding.
3. Because it is such a sure way of making one's self agreeable to one's friends.
4. Because it is positive evidence of acquaintance with good literature.
5. Because it furnishes such a good example.
6. Because it is just what a fellow's mother always enjoys having her son do.
7. Because it would look so nice in print.
8. Because it is such a good way of increasing one's self-respect.
9. Because it is such a help to manhood and virtue.
10. Because it so improves one's chance in the hereafter.

The Advantages of the Smutty Story

(From YMCA SONG BOOK).

It advertises your ignorance.
It displays your lack of a sense of decency.
It indicates the state of your inner character.
It exhibits the nature of your soul.
It shows your better self is being repressed.
It illustrates the sordidness of your soul.
It typifies the meagerness of your sources of entertainment.
It proclaims the courseness of your ideas of humor.
It tells the inadequacy of your means of expression.
It reveals the depths of defilement you have already reached.
It proves to your friends how greatly they may be disappointed in you.
It stultifies the testimony of those who said you were a good fellow.
It soils the imagination of your hearers.
It hangs vulgar pictures in the minds of others from which they may never escape.

BYU, Uof U Students Soon Leave For Utah

While most LDS young people from California homes will likely attend California colleges, still the number of those attending Utah institutions of higher learning is surprisingly large year after year. The BYU, the University of Utah and the Utah Agricultural College draw our young people.

Those planning to attend BYU for 1952-53 from the various bay area stakes are as follows as near as we can determine at this time:

Berkeley Stake. Denzel Allen, Ted Baer, LaPrele Badouin, Mary Ellen Carr, Dave Gardner, Richard Hall, Robert Lindblad, Carrol Larsen, Gerrit H. Van Vliet and Pat Sorenson Van Vliet.

SAN FRANCISCO STAKE

Mission Ward: Jane Baker.

San Francisco Ward: Carma Wright, Nadine Nalder, Brent Jones, Keith Price, Dick Cook, Howard Ruff, Wayne Wright.

Sunset Ward: Dawn Hickenlooper and David Tolson.

Oakland Stake: Wright Swenson, Don Kitzberger, Jack Hunt, Frank Birch, Frances Vinnie, Burk, (perhaps), and Carolyn Gustaveson.

Those planning to attend the University of Utah include:

San Francisco Stake: Cleon McClane and Don McClane, Martin Nalder and Beverly Nalder. From San Francisco will go Nathalie Neff to the University of California, and Claudia Lauper to Wellesley.

Log of Liahona Lodge, Campsite

An abbreviated form of the 1952 Liahona Club' Stanislaus Canyon campsite and lodge log shows more family camping and more building activity than even in the busy 1951 season.

May 25. Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Ericksen and son, Berkeley, visited the campsite to observe the extent of the snowpack damage to the lodge and utility house.

June 7. Charles Maurer, Howard Dunn, William Clements and son made a detailed survey of the damage and reported to the club's board of directors.

June 7 and 8 a work party composed of Charles H. Stamps, Don Tannerr and sons Charles S. and Kenneth Stamps cleared the timbers from the Utility House and propped up its outside walls.

June 27-28. Sam Scott, A. L. Hopkins and son repaired the water pipe line.

July 3-7 saw many people at the campsite for varying periods of time. Included were the Phil Lewis family of Phil and wife Rose and children, Richard, Rose, Mary, Gladys, Edward, Carol and baby John and young friends, Edward Mahon and Beverly Cloward.

A group of Berkeley M Men and Gleaner Girls: Dave and Dawna McClelland, Dave Fry, Joan Miller, Georgia Harker and Dave Bramwell. . . . Dr. C. Ronald Smith and Mrs. Margaret Smith wit htheir daughters Anna Lee and Jeanette . . . Clyde Lindsay and grandson and boy companion.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Ericksen led and fed the young people. . . . Alameda Scout Troop 16 headed by Scoutmaster Don Tanner and committee chairman, Charles H. Stamps, camped July 5-11; First class Scout, Nelson Reed; second ilass Scouts, Charles S. Stamps, Lee Stamps, Fred Taliferro. Tenderfoot Scouts, Ove Anderson, Roger Elliot, George Hewitt and Rodney Blacklock.

Isaac B. Ball worked at salvaging and building three combination tables, three water benches and two bench seats from July 4 to 12. July 12 Dennis Lauper and Doan Jorgason and their three children worked two hours.

July 26 weekend: Bill Clements, Howard Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Ericksen.

August 2-3 weekend: Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Ericksen, Charles H. Stamps and family and Dennis Lauper and son, Mark.

August 12 weekend: Dennis Lauper and Oren Jorgenson.

August 9-10 weekend: Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Ericksen, I. B. Ball and a group of Berkeley young folks who put in the septic tank under leadership of Woody Bates, engineer; Dave and Dawna McClelland, Bruce and Don Merrill, Nadine Stoddard and the Stamps family.

August 11-12: Bishop Cornell Jarman, wife, son and daughter; Lon Sorensen and wife; A. D. Ericksen and wife, and I. B. Ball.

August 16-17: Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Ericksen, Dave and Dawna McClelland, Don Merrill, Dave Frye, Joan Miller, Jack Smith, Woody Bates, Gordon Rose and Ed Cox and wife.

August 18-25: The family of Dr. Cleon Fitt of Rodeo.

August 23-24 weekend: Fireplace builders, James Campbell and Andy Hunt; plumber, installing showers and toilets in utility house, Arthur L. Hopkins and son; Bill Clements, Dennis Lauper, Ira Call, Max Green and family, Cleon Fitts, W. C. Ward.

August 25-30: Dr. James Robertson of Centerville branch.

Labor day weekend, Friday, August 29 to Monday, September1: Dave Fry, Bruce Merrill, Denzel Allen, Jr., Doug Stone, Joan Miller and Nadine Williams, workers on the septic tank project. Workers on utility house, C. H. Stamps and family, Charles and Rhea Gustaveson; workers on the lodge, Ross McClellan, Bill Clements, Curt Bybee and A. D. Ericksen.

Full week following Labor day weekend and extending September 2-5: Bill Clements.

September 8-12: Clyde Lindsay and crew of carpenters and other helpers whose names were not available as the Messenger went to press.

Bus. News-Notes

● Jack Lee, the alert used car dealer on San Pablo avenue in El Cerrito, next door to Don Kimball's trailer sales lot (the one at 1606 and the other at 1600 San Pable avenue) reports sales as "looking up;" says his used car ad in the Messenger has begun to pay off in some sales, just as he was wondering if anyone ever read those Messenger ads. He's found that some do read 'em, and some come and buy.

● The business end of The Messenger tells us that the reception of the classified Business and Professional Directory which appeared in the August Messenger has been surprisingly good. Several new listings have come in, so that the September listings will show a fair increase. Several expressed their pleasure over the listings and one sent in his check to cover a year's run of his listing.

● Dave Chamberlain, who keeps an Oakland office as a public accountant, is currently called by Uncle Sam to appear at Treasure daily for a while. After August is over Dave thinks to have more time to oversee his growing business. He has volunteered to do a job of auditing the books of The Messenger some time in September.

● Don J. Allphin, the east Oakland watch repairman and jewelry store proprietor, called the other day to say he had failed to get the last Messenger and that his wife had asked him to call because she is quite lost without The Messenger in keeping in touch with events. We hurried another copy to Mrs. Allphin.

● The Moreau Hardware Store at 5221 Foothill makes a good showing in the photograph which we are printing on page two of this issue. Bert Hughes is most appreciative of any business that his fellow Maxwell Park friends can "push" his way. You'll see Bert standing in the doorway of his store.

● Ed A. Pyle, the Berkeley professional photographer and Sunday School superintendent, ought to be congratulated, we think, on the high quality of his work, and also for his pleasant readiness to help our merchants by going almost anywhere to photograph their social functions or their business places. In July Ed A. and ye editor took a half-day off and rode out as far as the Brookside Trailer sales lot at 8311 MacArthur Blvd., which Manton Moody owns, then to the Bybee Bliss Realty office, Don J. Allphin's Jewelry store, the Duart Beauty Salon, the Olympic Florist, the J. Craig Robertson Rug Clinic, Bert Hughes Moreau Hardware and Robinson Brothers Mortuary where M Dee Smith looks after LDS funerals. These photos are appearing in the advertising columns of The Messenger.

● The Messenger received a long distance call from Alhambra late in August from L. K. Speirs who is manager of the Beehive Book concern which is conducting a sort of LDS Book of the Month business; said he had been referred to The Messenger and wanted our rates for a large mat ad covering about 75 inches of our space. Result: that big ad you see in this issue.

● One would not ordinarily connect such distinct items as the following: Rulon Knowles, proprietor of the General Saw and Lawn Mower Service in San Leandro, Kenneth R. Pike, mechanic at the Sacramento Air Base and George Herron at the Travis Air Base, near Fairfield. But these three names are all tied together in a family, as well as in a business way.

Both the latter two men are sons-in-law to Rulon Knowles. Mr. Pike has recently moved to San Leandro to become the business partner of Bro. Knowles. Mr. Herron has recently opened his own lawn mower sharpening and small motor service in Fairfield with the help and encouragement of Bro. Knowles. He will continue his fulltime job at the airbase, but will operate his lawnmower and small motor business on a part-time basis at 1545 Empire Street, Fairfield. His business is listed in The Messenger Classified Directory in this issue.

Expense-Free Trip

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qualified for the trip by writing a substantial volume of business during the past five months.

Three business meetings will be held during the convention to acquaint the company's agent with new developments in sales and servicing of life insurance. Mr. Taylor has been asked to **act as chairman of the first day's meeting. Mr. Hickenlooper, Mr. Wood, and Mr. and Mrs. Sweet have been asked to speak at the convention.**

The Prophet of the Last Dispensation

The 21st of September may well be a gold letter day in the memory of the Latter-day Saints. On that day in 1823 the angel Moroni appeared to the boy Prophet, Joseph Smith.

After telling of the appearance of the angel Moroni and of his thrice repeated messages to him, the Prophet writes in his history:

"He also quoted the second chapter of Joel, from the 28th verse to the last." The last verse of this chapter declares:

"And it shall come to pass that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered: for in Jerusalem and in Mount Zion shall be deliverance as the Lord has said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call."

For our times of fear and anxiety these words are golden: "whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered for in Jerusalem and in Zion shall be deliverance." Are we not in Zion? Then we have this angel-repeated promise of our Father that we may "call on the Lord and be delivered." Thus as a nation and we as individuals. "Look unto the Lord in all thy thoughts; doubt not, fear not." (D. and C., 6:36).

LDS Sports News

Golf, Softball Winners

THE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Fifteen golf players from the four Northern California stakes of Oakland, San Francisco, Fresno and Stockton played at the Lake Chabot, Oakland golf course, July 17 in eliminations play-offs to determine Northern California representatives in the all-Church Golf Tournament played later in July in Ogden, Utah.

The five successful players who went to Ogden were Leon Brinks and Bert Hughes of Fresno, George Peterson of Stockton, Bob Loans of Hayward, Oakland stake John Geertsen, Jr. of San Francisco. The man from Hayward is a former professional baseball player and all-round athlete.

Among the 15 who began the elimination games were Douglas Swanson, Bill Nelson, Howard Thomas, Tony Bosich, Bob Roberts, Jim Peterson, Harvey Hansen, Johnnie Krage, Bob Henderson and John Gomez.

Harvey Nelson, Oakland stake athletic director, reports that all players and friends had a good time; they all agree in the feeling that many more players should come out for golf next year.

SENIOR SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

In the twelfth division of the Church-wide senior softball tournament Carmichael Ward of Sacramento Stake came through the series of fast games as the winning team at the division finals at Arroyo Viejo Park, Oakland, August 8 and 9, 1952. Berkeley stake was eliminated early in the games. Oakland ward nosed out second, San Jose Ward third and Fresno Stake fourth.

JUNIOR SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

The tournament of the Twelfth Division of the junior softball teams resulted in Napa Ward winning the championship, Berkeley Ward coming through as second place winners. Yuba City of Gridley stake finished in third place. The games were played August 30 at the Bachesto Park, San Jose, Palo Alto Stake being host.

Members of the Napa Ward, Santa Rosa Stake team were as follows: Kellar, shortstop; Hancock, second base; G. Peterson, right field; McBride, catcher; King, first base; L. Peterson, centerfield; Reidenback, third base; Scott, left field; Olive, pitcher.

Napa defeated Berkeley 8 to 5 and Berkeley defeated Gridley 11 to 10. The members of the Berkeley Ward team were J. Anderson, C. Williams, Jim and John Huish, Kent Jarman, B. O'Neil, Tom Green, Phil Eyring and Gene Bramhall.

Berkeley Conference

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called and from all quorums. The presidents of stake missions are to be selected by the First Presidency from recommended names sent by the stake presidencies. A higher quota for wards to meet in this service has been announced and the responsibility rests upon the bishops. But a member may properly volunteer his services to the bishop, who at all times is to be very careful in the selection of worthy persons in this work.

Of the three cardinal duties of all Latter-day Saints, missionary work is one of the most important ones; the other two being to build up and carry on the work of the kingdom of God in the stakes and wards and genealogical work in behalf of our dead ancestors, said President Harmon.

Both President Harmon and President Ranker happened to choose the same theme for their conference talks, namely, "This is life eternal, to know thee the only true God and Jesus Christ whom thous has sent." John 17:3. Eternal means indestructible. We know God only by personal revelation. President Mayhew related some of the riches that come from receiving eternal life and are experienced here on earth, as worthy work, heritage, family and friends.

Oakland stake President Wright quoted the Bible phrase, "Men and brethern, what shall we do?" and answered in the words of President Grant, "Keep the commandments." "As ye have received so keep the faith," said Paul. Beware of false philosophies that are heard in some college classes. Put on the shield of faith against the fiery darts of the enemy. What are these darts in our day? Dishonesty, lying, spoken and, more subtley, unspoken: dishonest workmanship and seeking something for nothing.

John A. Murdock had been sadly struck by the number of fearful, troubled people both among the saints and in our communities in general. And also by the general corruption about us in private and public life, with its doctrine eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow we die.

We can face the present and the future unafraid even in the midst of persecution and tribulation. Jesus said, My peace I give unto you. Joseph the Prophet, when going to his death could declare, I am calm as a summer's day.

The Lord said to the saints in 1831, "But learn that he who doeth the works of righteousness shall receive his reward, even peace in this world and eternal life in the world to come. I, the Lord, have spoken it and the Spirit beareth record. Amen." D. and C. 59:23,24.

Overcome fear, therefore by good honest work, by being frugal and prudent, by service to others and by righteous living, keeping the commandments and cultivating one's faith.

Goings and Comings

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our Sunday School Teachers, has moved to Chicago. ● The Joseph Parmley family are taking off for Los Angeles for a week—we're sure they'll be back!

Mrs. Harold Jenson has been enjoying her visit in Idaho for the past three weeks; Brother Jenson has left to join her. They will be touring the Northwest before coming home. ● Brothers George Simister and William Stull, recently appointed officers in the Sunday School Superintendency, have taken their sons, "Butch" and George, on a trip to Salt Lake City. ● Leon Hovick and family have moved to Palo Alto. We're sorry to lose them, but wish them luck!

Martinez. Miss Joan Barber has just accepted a position at Cornell University as a faculty member in Nutrition. Congratulations, Joan; we'll miss you.

George, Marie, Joan, Kent and David Barber vacationed in Utah for several weeks in August.

Mr. and Msr. Robert Sant are in Utah for their summer vacation visiting with their daughter, Jean ,and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Cook and family have enjoyed a camping vacation.

Three Scouts Receive Deseret Awards

This important bit of Scout news was crowded out of the August Messenger. With apologies to all concerned may we now commend these Scouts and their leaders thus belatedly.

A Court of Honor was held by the various troops of the Oakland Stake in connection with our Quarterly Conference on June 29. The Apostle Henry W. Moyle stayed over for the Court of Honor, he being a former active Scouter.

The boys who received their **Tenderfoot rank** were George Hewitt of Alameda, Kenneth Driggs and Wylie Reed of Dimond; Richard Walton, Gary Sadey, Larry Wachter and Rex Montgomery of Elmhurst and Richard Burkett from Oakland.

Second Class: Hugh Multz, Fred Tallifero and Kenneth Stamps from Alameda; Kenneth Mason from Dimond; Willie Carleton from Elmhurst and Glenn Hildebrand from Oakland.

First Class: Wayne Brossard, Dane Bennett, David Bennion and Wright Swenson from Dimond; Jay Rounds, Claude Brown, Harvey Gilliland, Chris Radovan and Fred Estabrook from Elmhurst, Gerald Wilkinson and Ronald Miele, from Maxwell Park; Craig Knudson and Christy Jefferies, from Oakland.

Stars: Larry Bates, Bobby McBride, Floyd Cuiquini and Earl Schleth from Elmhurst and Ronald Miele from Maxwell Park.

Life: Virgil Sessions from Elmhurst and Don Addis from Oakland.

Then it should be mentioned that Bob Amauric from Oakland received sufficient Merit Badges to obtain the rank of Life Scout but needs another month or so as a Star Scout before he can receive the award.

Heber C. Brown received sufficient Merit Badges for the rank of Eagle but he had not served a long enough period of Life Scout and will receive his Eagle rank later this Fall.

Three Deseret Awards were made by Apostle Moyle: Heber C. Brown, David Fuhriman and Don Addis.

Brigham Young University Praised

(Extract from Talk Given by Mary Ellen Carr of Claremont Ward).

The Brigham Young University is deeply indebted to a rich cultural heritage. Of prime importance is the background of the Latter-day Saints themselves. . . . Of greatest significance in the growth of the "Y" has been the high educational standards of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The ideals and teachings of the Church are most important in their relation to education. Salvation is not only the result of the acceptance of the Christ and the atonement, but is also attained throughout eternity. Consequently, education and moral living under the influence of spiritual ideals are of supreme importance. Faith in spiritual principles is coordinate with exercise of reason and intelligence.

The educational philosophy of Brigham Young was one of exceeding breadth and insight. He said, "Education is the power to think clearly, the power to act well in the world's work, and the power to appreciate life.

Brigham Young's parting instruction to Karl G. Maeser, when he sent him to establish the Brigham Young Academy was, "you must not attempt to teach even the alphabet or the multiplication tables without the Spirit of the Lord."

The University has kept faith with its founders in its double emphasis upon religion and intelligence. Love and brotherhood, which are essentials of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, prevail upon the campus; it has come to be known as "the friendly school." This is a product of a rich and wholesome social life wherein lasting friendships and happy marriages are frequent results.

It is my prayer that we may all appreciate and take advantage of the many opportunities that this Church offers us to develop both spiritually and mentally. I ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.